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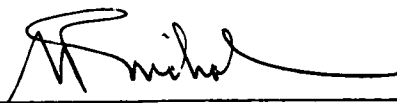
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FOREWORD

This report is submitted in accordance with Contract NAS-10-1108, Determination of Rocket Engine Noise Damage to Community Dwellings Near Launch Sites. This report is presented in two volumes. Volume I contains a concise discussion of the study, including the test and analytical work. Volume II, appendix material, is a more detailed presentation of data.

APPENDIX A

DATA FROM FLORIDA TESTS

## Data from Florida Tests

The following data were acquired during Phase II of the study. A sinusoidal excitation of 135 db rms sound pressure level (re 0.0002 dynes/cm<sup>2</sup>) was generally used. At some frequencies, however, an insufficient quantity of air was available to achieve this level. Linearity tests were also conducted at discrete frequencies. This part of the appendix contains:

- 1) a Table listing the test structures, window description, and window size; drawings of the windows; and data plots. The acceleration and sound pressure excitation level are plotted on the same graph for each window.

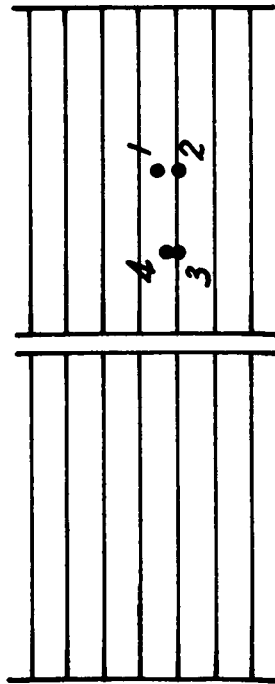
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## Test Specimens

<u>Item</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Glass Size</u>	<u>Window Type</u>
1.	K8-989	Residence	Blk w/Stucco	4" x 34"	Jalousies
2.	NASA Test Wall	Complex 37	Wood	24" x 24"	Double Hung
3.	NASA Test Wall	Complex 37	Wood	14" x 33"	Awning
4.	NASA Test Wall	Complex 37	Wood	30" x 13"	Double Hung
5.	K8-988	Shopping Center	Block	89" x 61"	Fixed (plate)
6.	K8-988	"	Block	89" x 86"	Fixed (plate)
7.	K8-991	Store	Block	37" x 56"	Fixed
8.	K8-991	Store	Block	12" x 16"	Casement
9.	K8-985	Residence	Block	11" x 34"	Awning
10.	1 mi. N. of Dummit Grove W. side AIA	Residence	Frame and Block	12 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Casement
11.	"	Residence	"		Wood Wall
12.	1/4 mi. S. Old Canal W. Side AIA	Residence	Frame	32" x 22"	Fixed
13.	"	Residence	Frame		Wood Wall
14.	1-1/8 mi. N. of Dummit Grove W. side AIA	Residence	Frame	14" x 33"	Casement
15.	1 mi. W. of Wilson N. side 402	Store	Blk w/stucco	83" x 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Fixed (plate)
16.	K8-990	Residence	Blk w/stucco	4" x 34"	Jalousies
17.	NASA Test Wall	Complex 37	Block	48" x 60"	Fixed

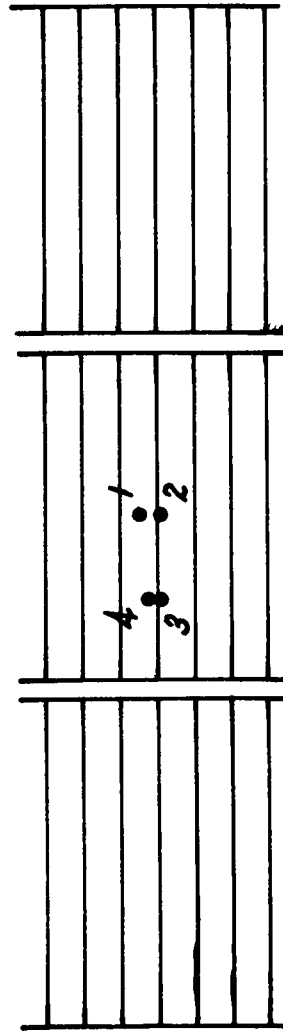
## JALOUSY TYPE WINDOWS



Run 1 (KB-989)

Pane Size: 34 x 4 ( $\frac{3}{16}$ )

Alum. Sash



Run 16

Pane Size: 34 x 4 ( $\frac{3}{16}$ )

Alum. Sash

Figure A-O.1



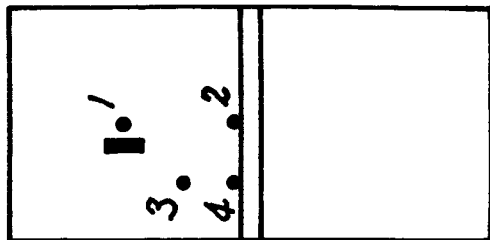
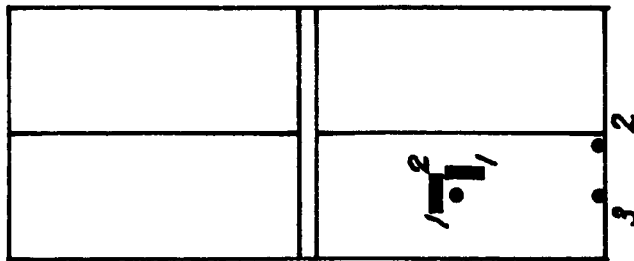
## DOUBLE HUNG TYPE WINDOWS



Run 4

Pane Size: 13 x 30 (SS)

Wood Sash



Run 2

Pane Size: 24 x 24 (SS)

Wood Sash

Figure A-0.2

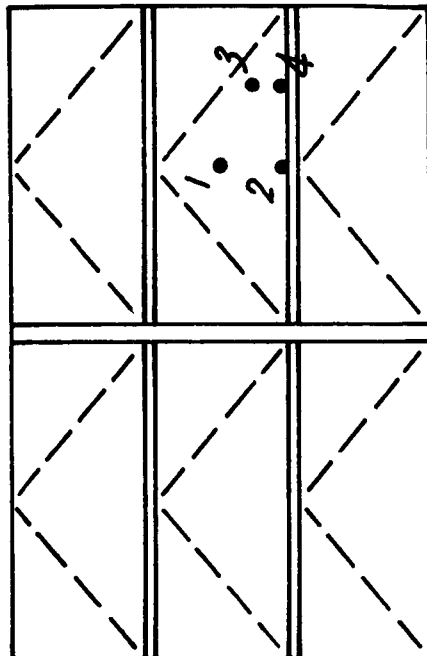
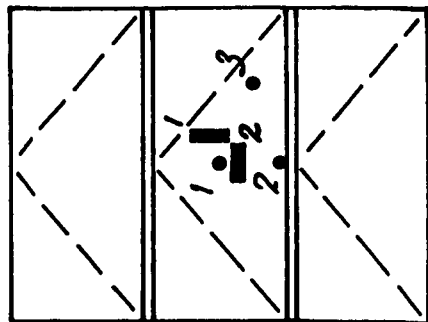


# AWNING TYPE WINDOWS

Run 3

Pane Size: 33 x 14 (SS)

Alum. Sash

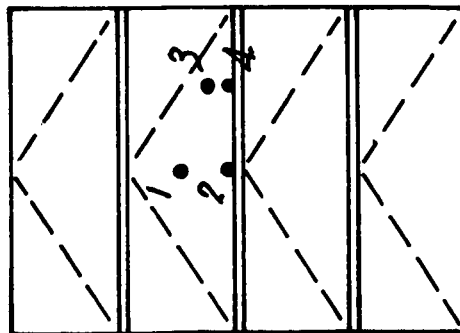


Run 9 (K8-985)

Pane Size: 34 x 11

Alum. Sash

(Very Loose)



Run 14

Pane Size: 33 x 14

Alum. Sash  
Conc. Block Bldg.

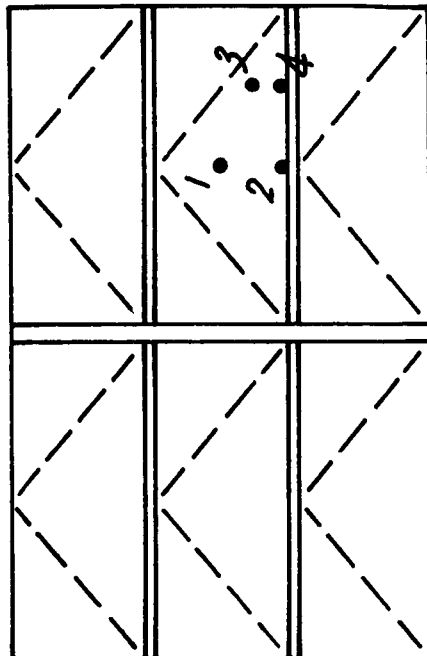
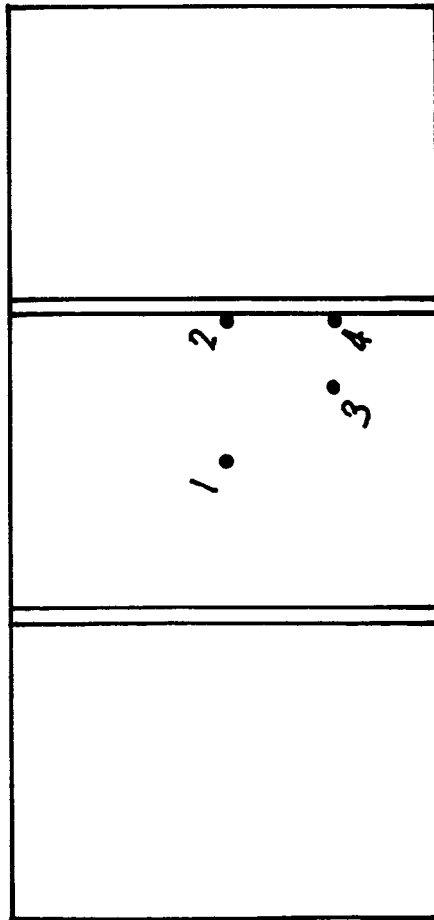


Figure A-O.3

# FIXED TYPE WINDOWS



Run 6 (K8-988)  
 Pane Size: 61 x 89 (Plate)  
 Alum. Frame.



Run 5 (K8-988)  
 Pane Size: 86 x 89 (Plate)  
 Alum Frame

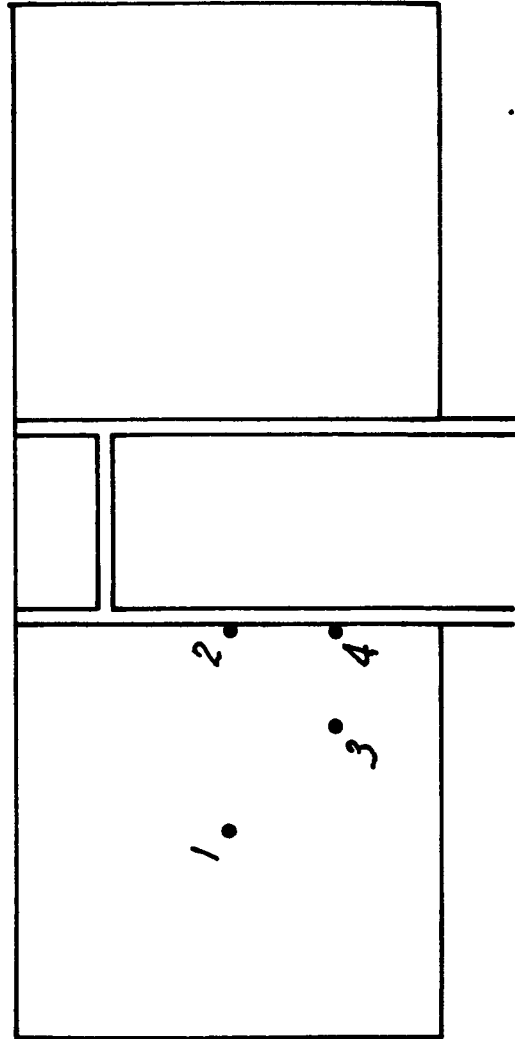


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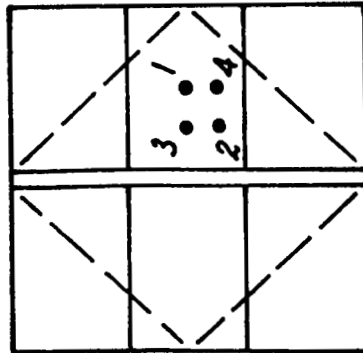


# CASEMENT TYPE WINDOWS

Run 8 (K8-991)

Pane Size: 16 x 12 (SS)

Steel Sash



Run 10

Pane Size: 16 1/4 x 12 1/4

Steel Sash

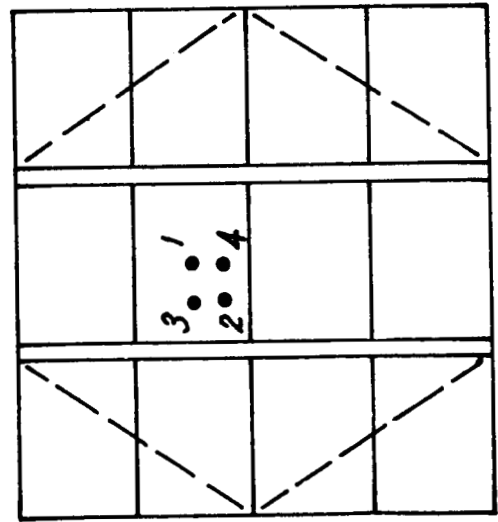
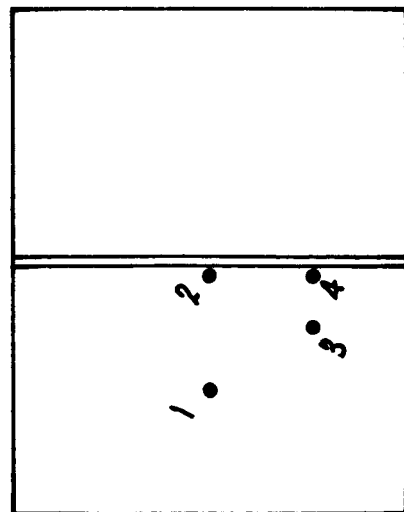


Figure A-0.5

# FIXED TYPE WINDOWS



Run 15

Pane Size: 51.5 x 83 (Plate)

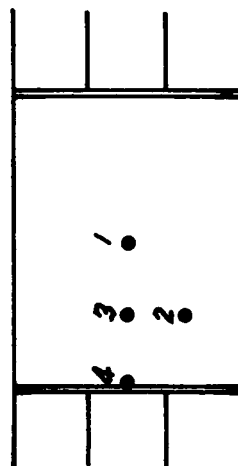
Alum. Frame (Very Thin)



Run 12

Pane Size: 22 x 32 (SS)

Wood Sash



Run 17

Pane Size: 60 x 48

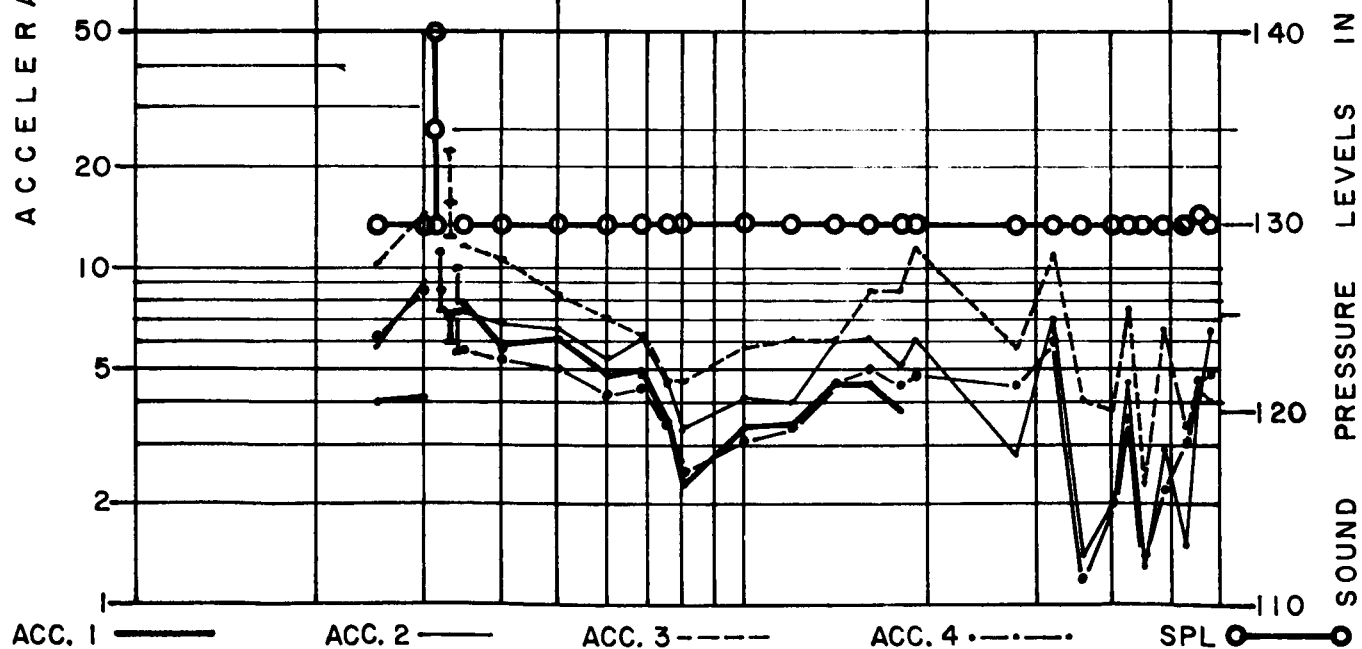
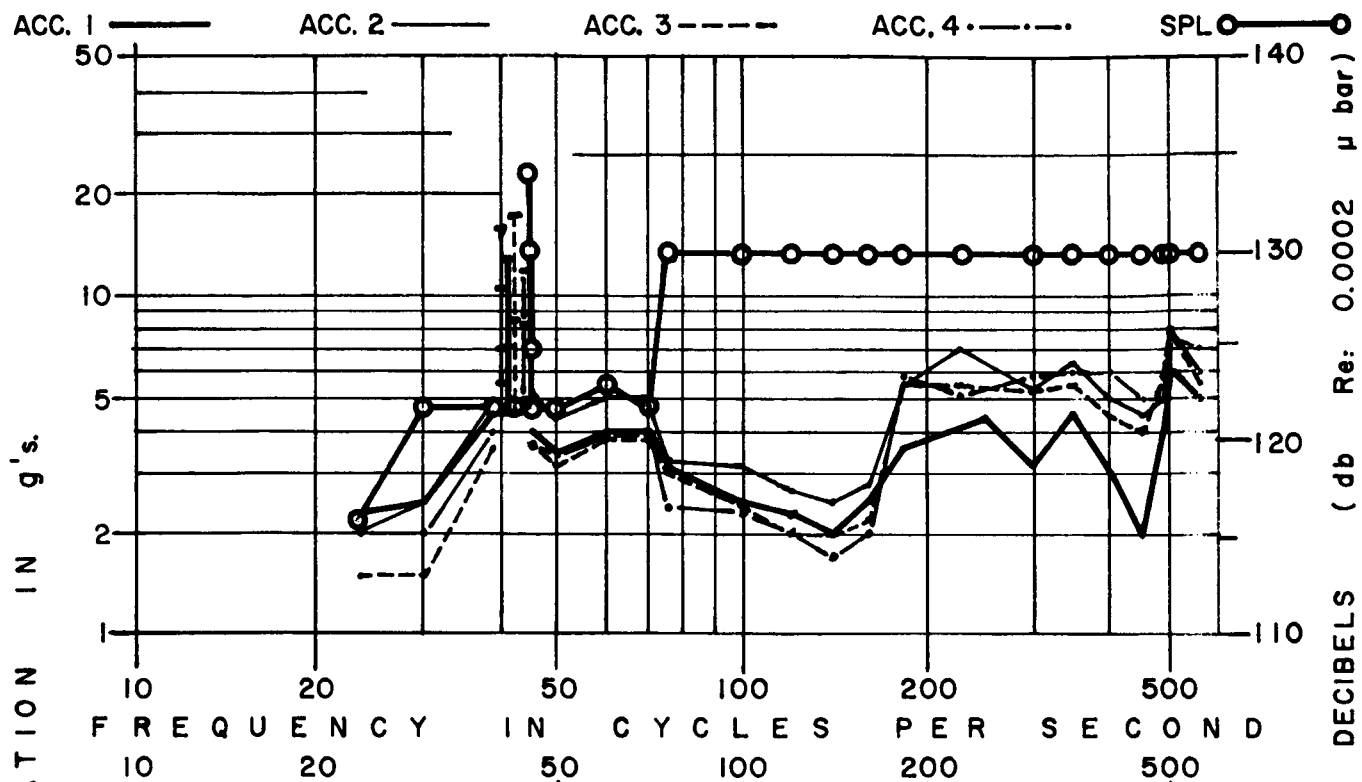


Run 7 (KB-991)

Pane Size: 56 x 37 (SS-?)

Figure A-O.6

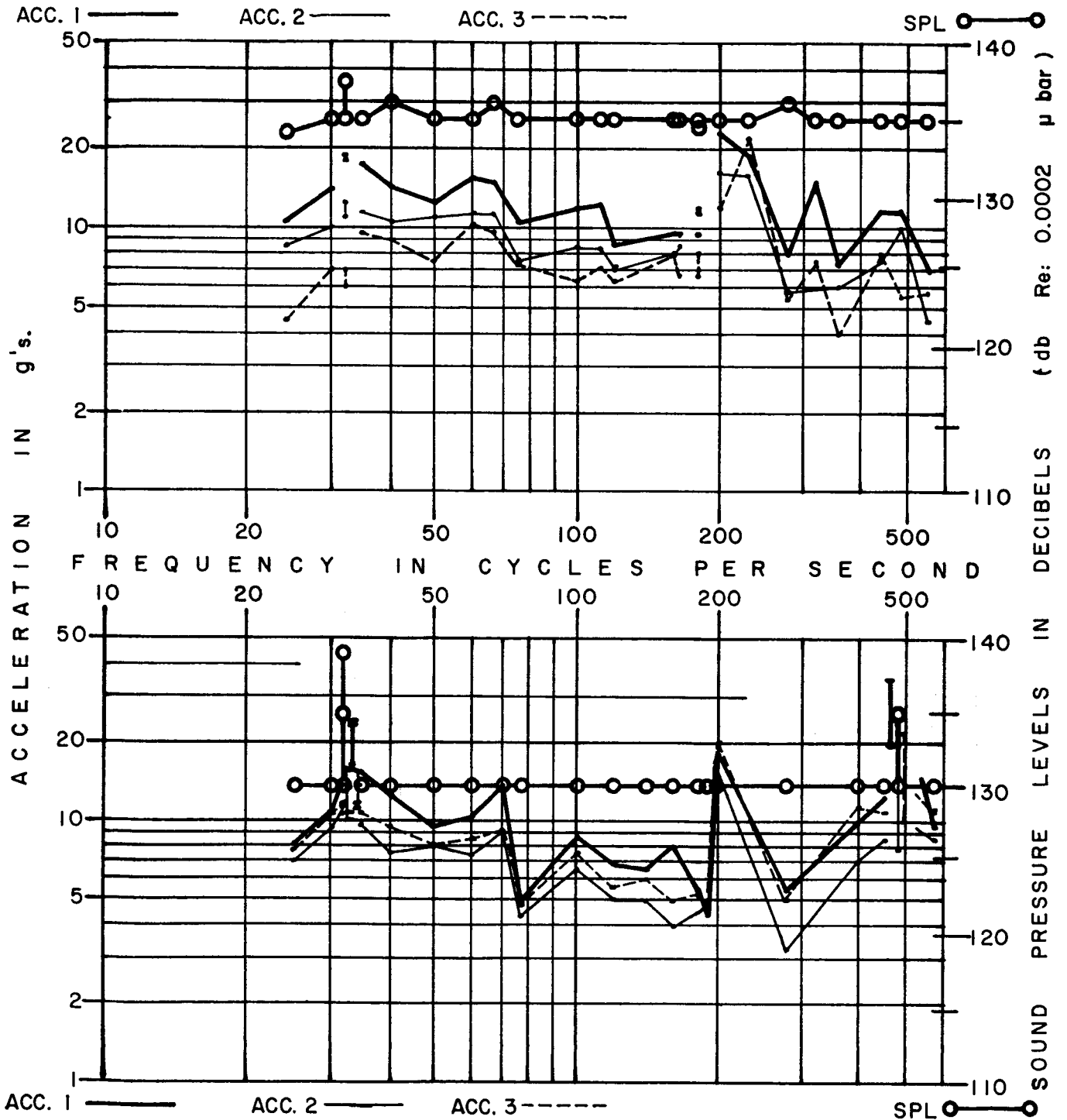
FIGURE A-1  
FLORIDA DATA  
RUN 1



RUN 2  
FLORIDA DATA  
FIGURE A-2

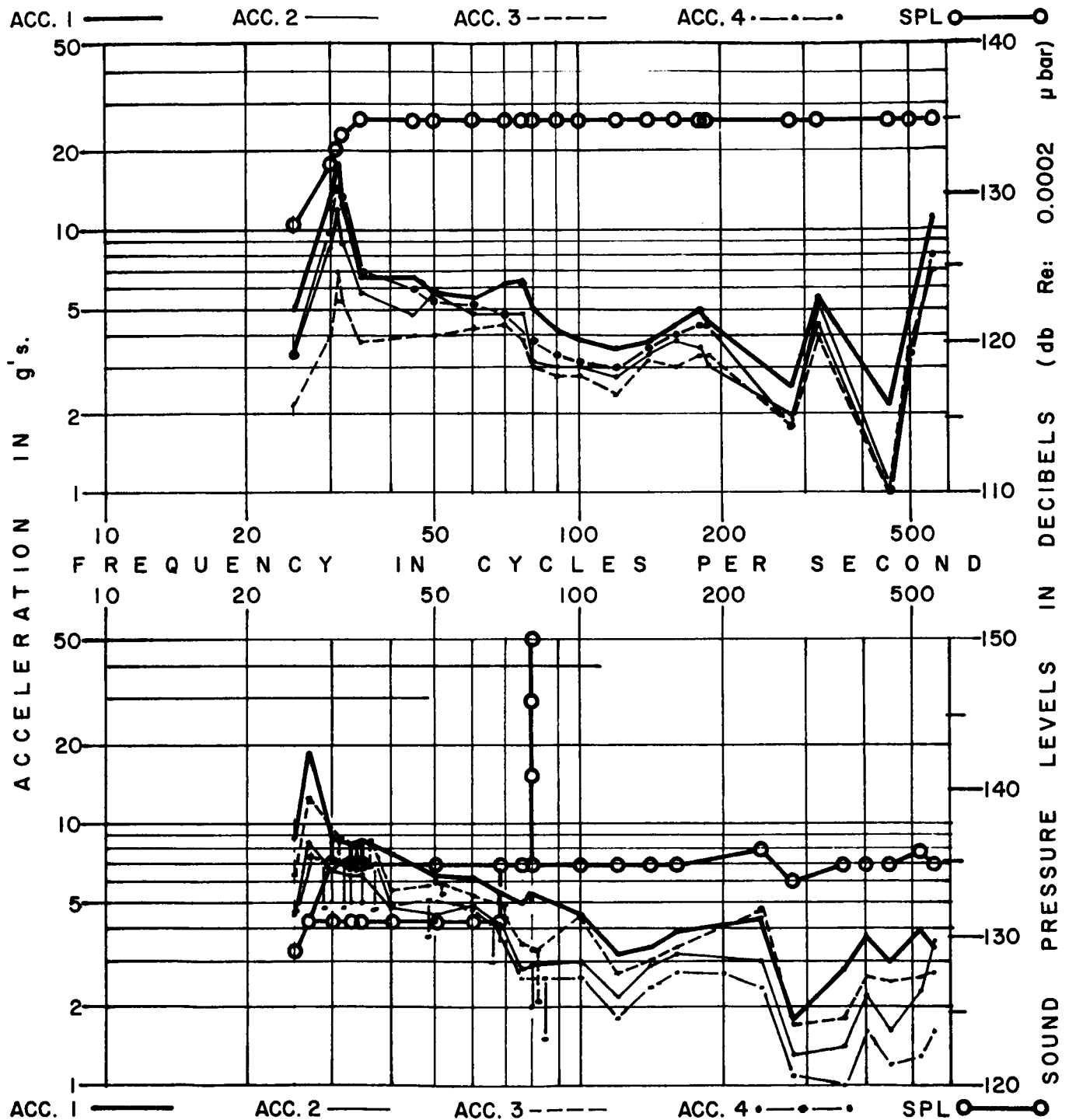
FIGURE A3  
FLORIDA DATA  
RUN 3

A-11



RUN 4  
FLORIDA DATA  
FIGURE A-4

FIGURE A-5  
FLORIDA DATA  
RUN 5

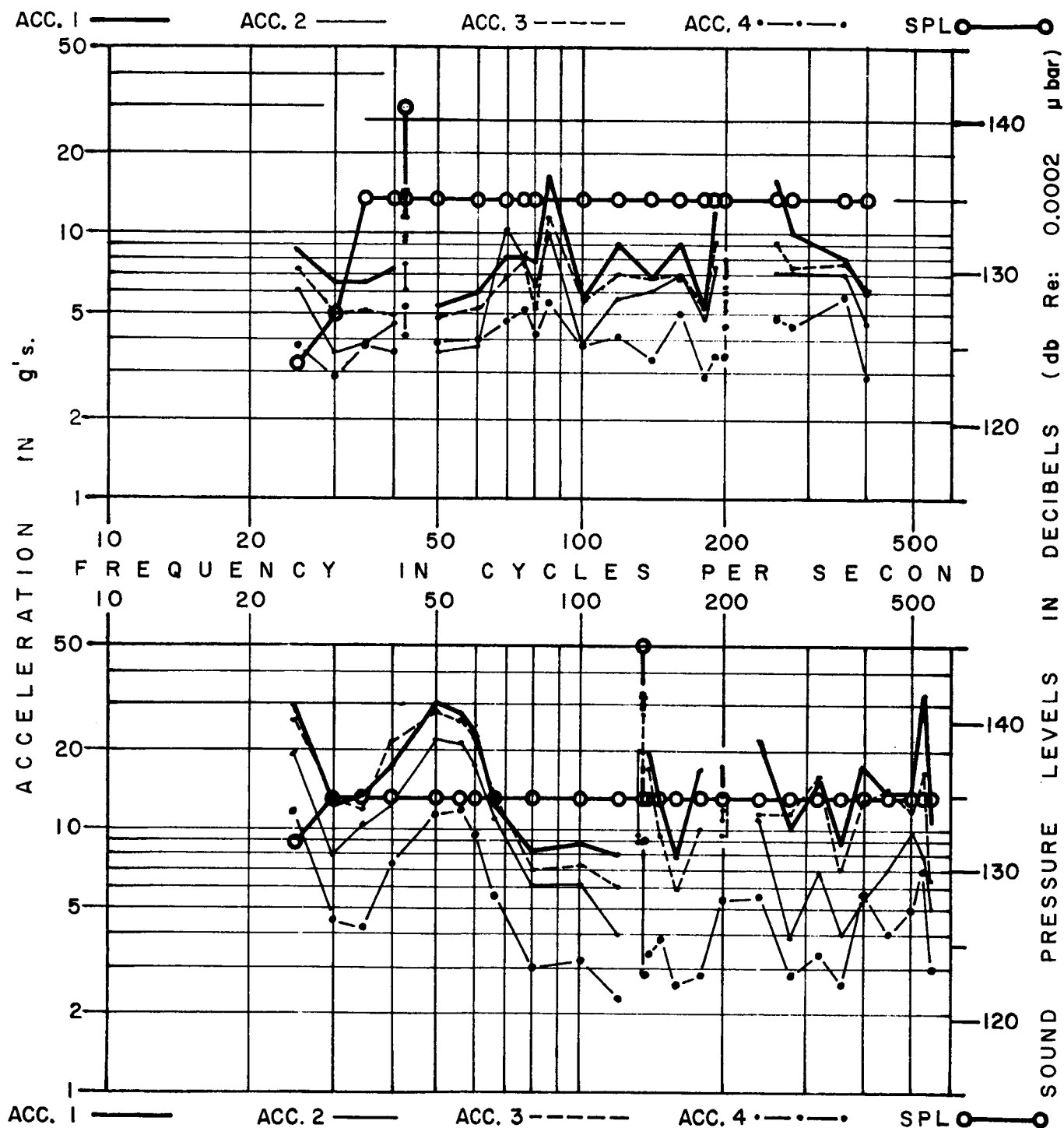


RUN 6  
FLORIDA DATA  
FIGURE A-6



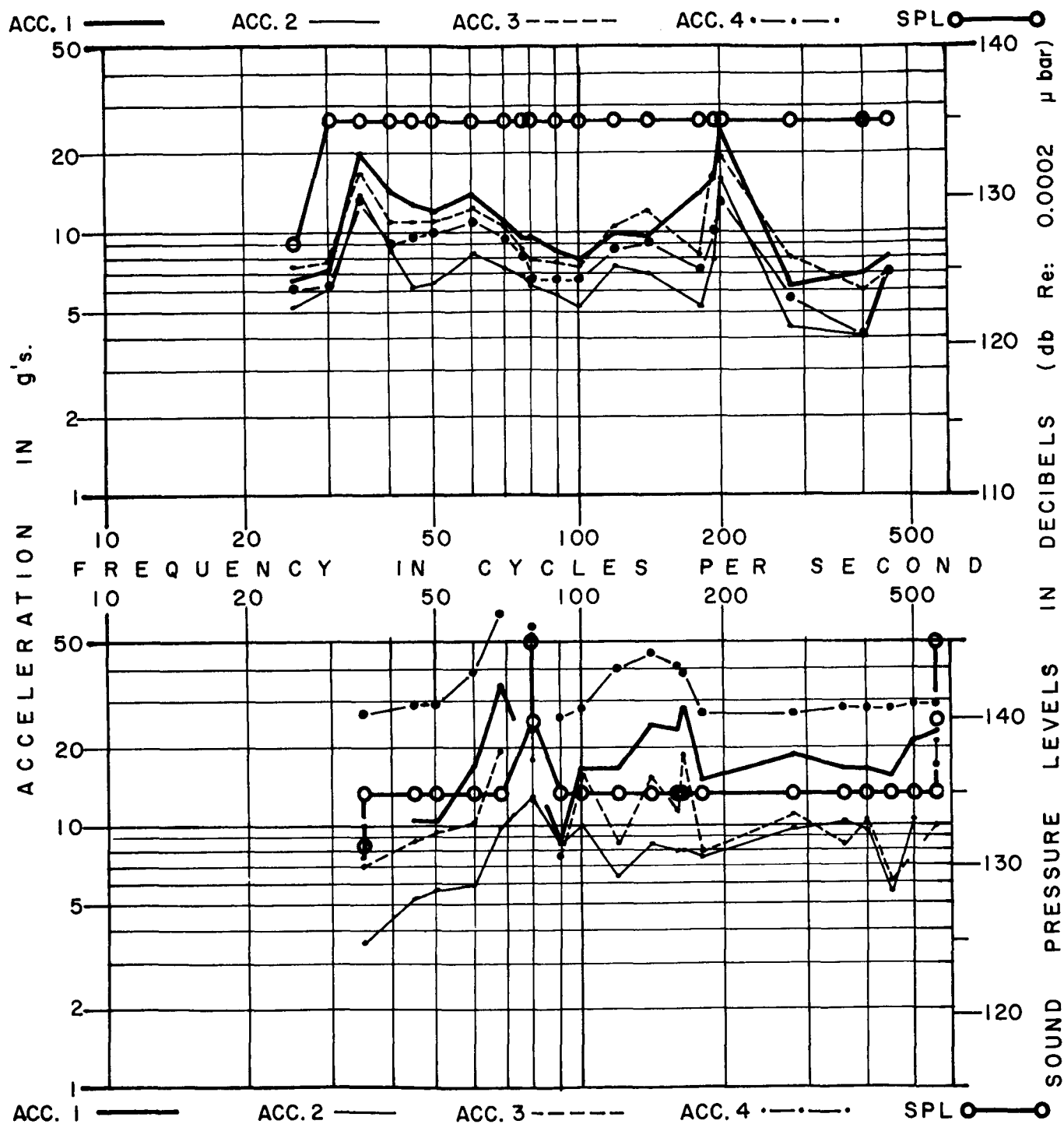
FIGURE A-7  
FLORIDA DATA  
RUN 7

A-13



RUN 8  
FLORIDA DATA  
FIGURE A-8

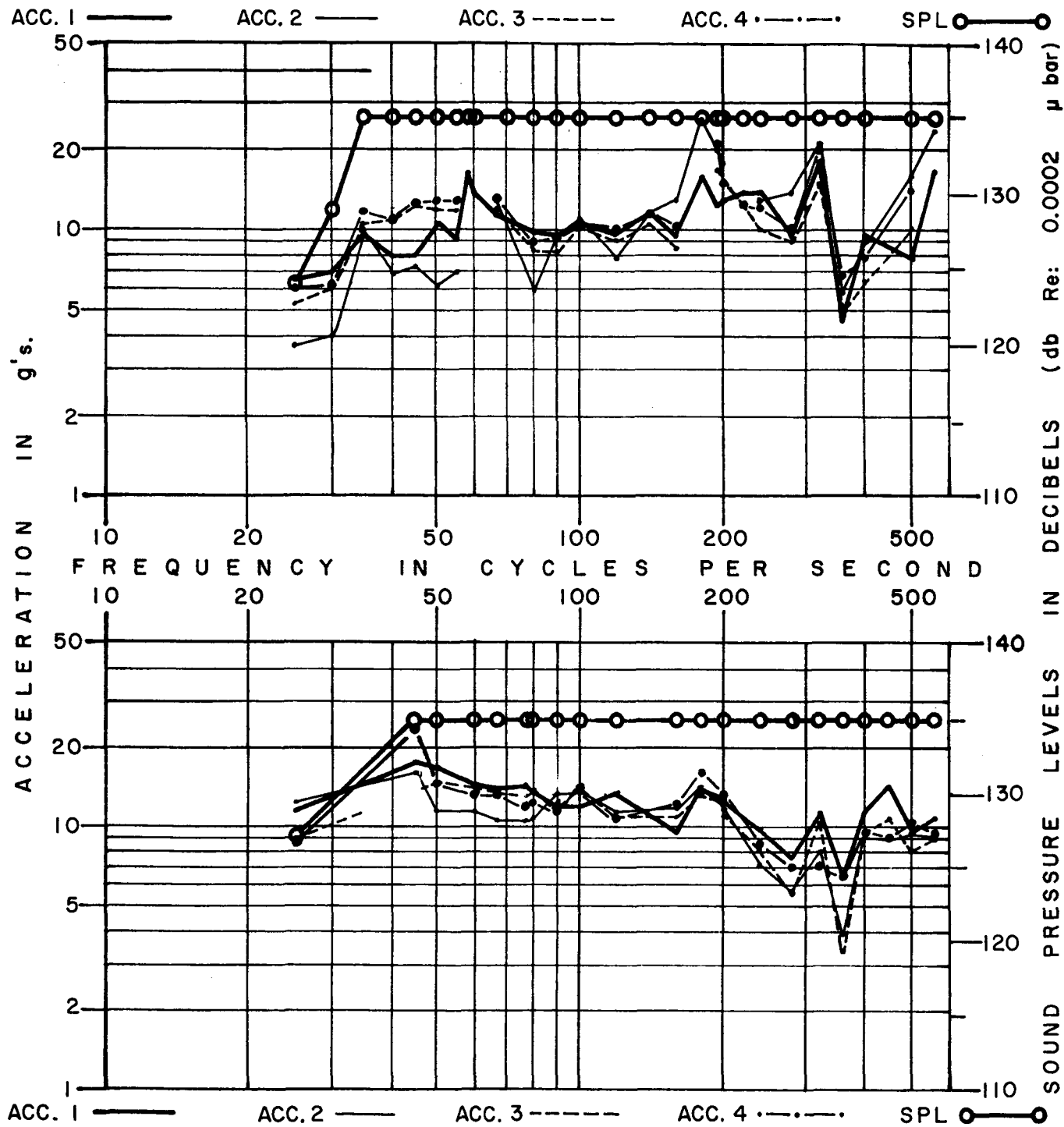
FIGURE A-9  
FLORIDA DATA  
RUN 9



RUN 10  
FLORIDA DATA  
FIGURE A-10

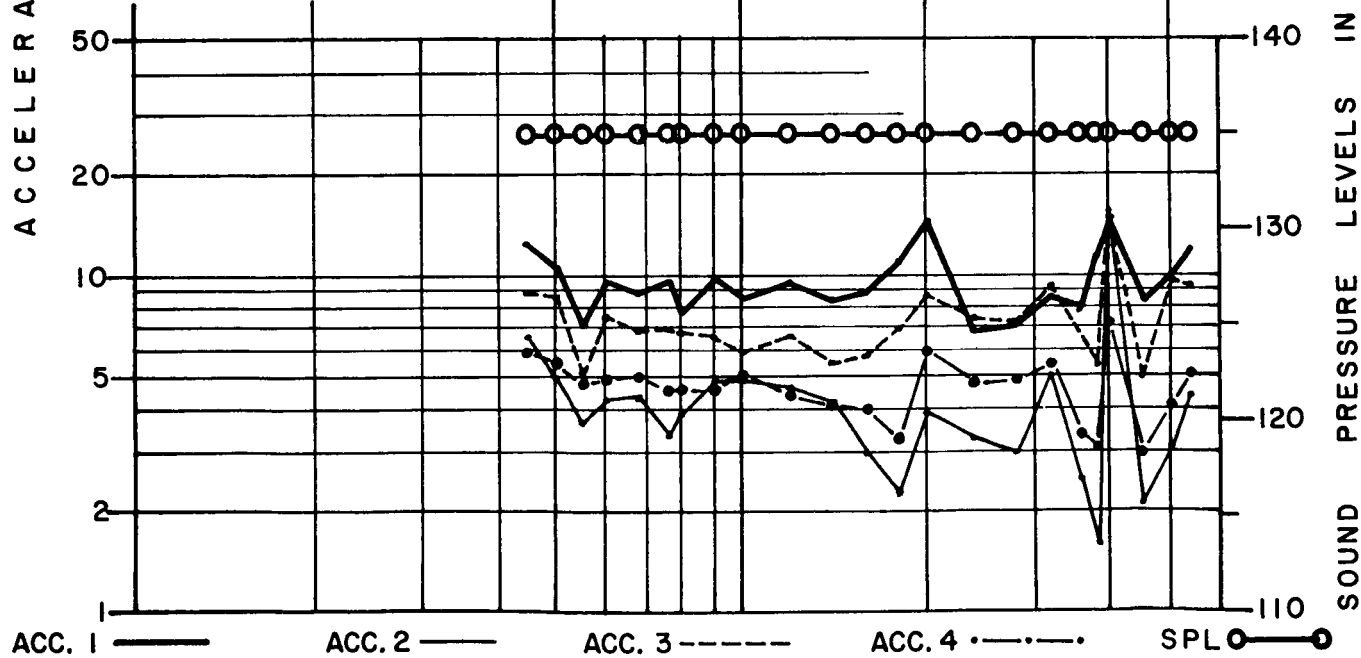
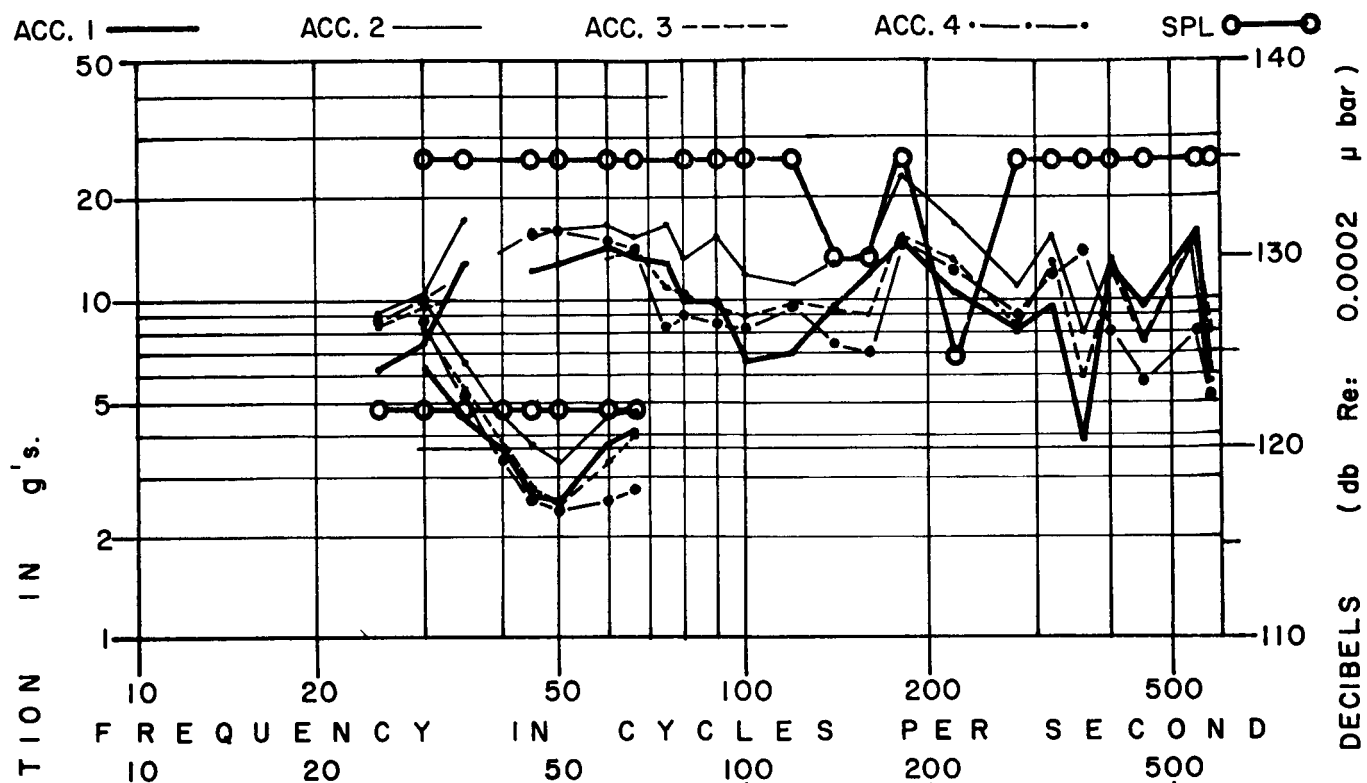
FIGURE A-11  
FLORIDA DATA  
RUN 11

A-15



RUN 12  
FLORIDA DATA  
FIGURE A-12

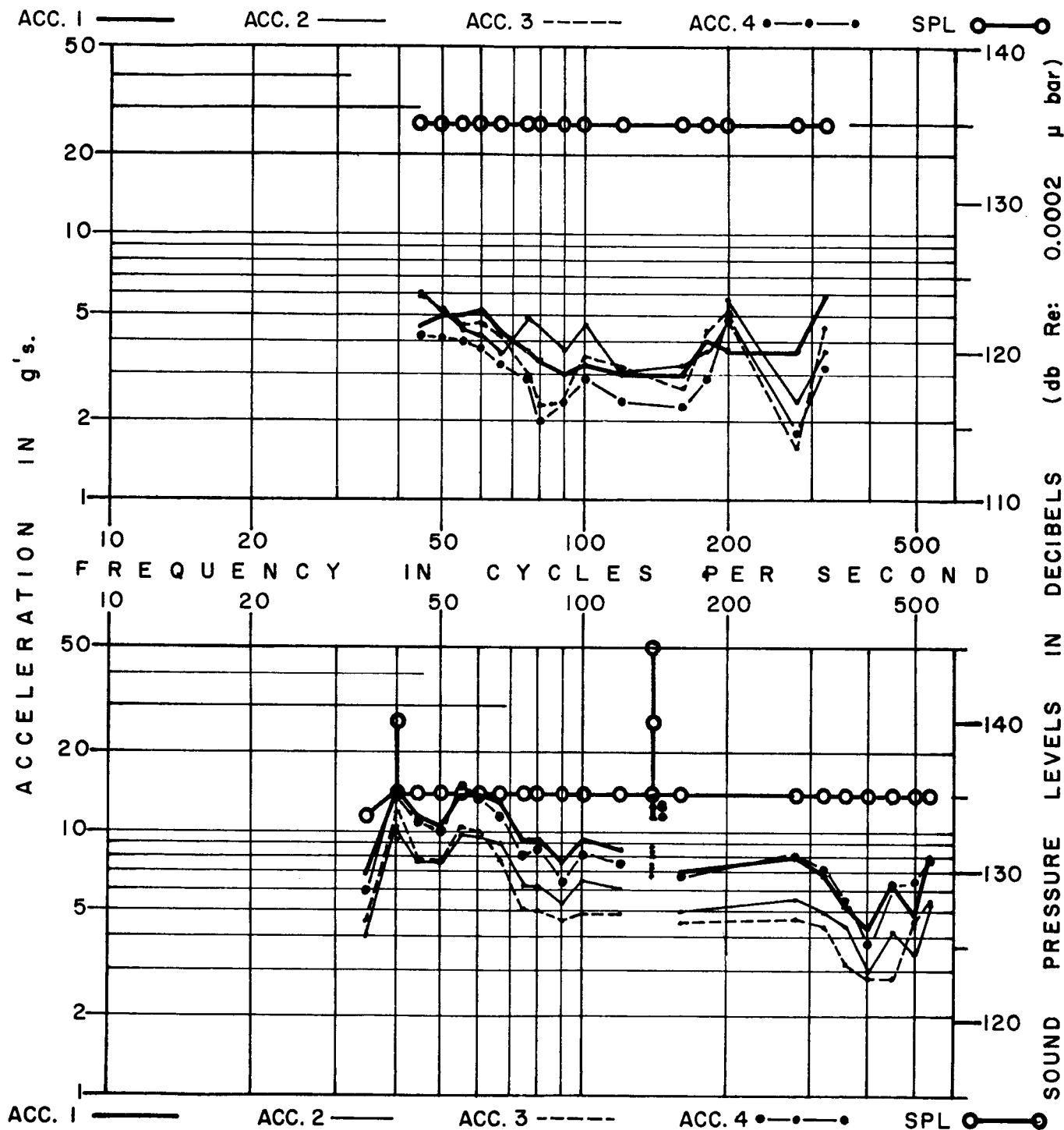
FIGURE A-13  
FLORIDA DATA  
RUN 13



RUN 14  
FLORIDA DATA  
FIGURE A-14

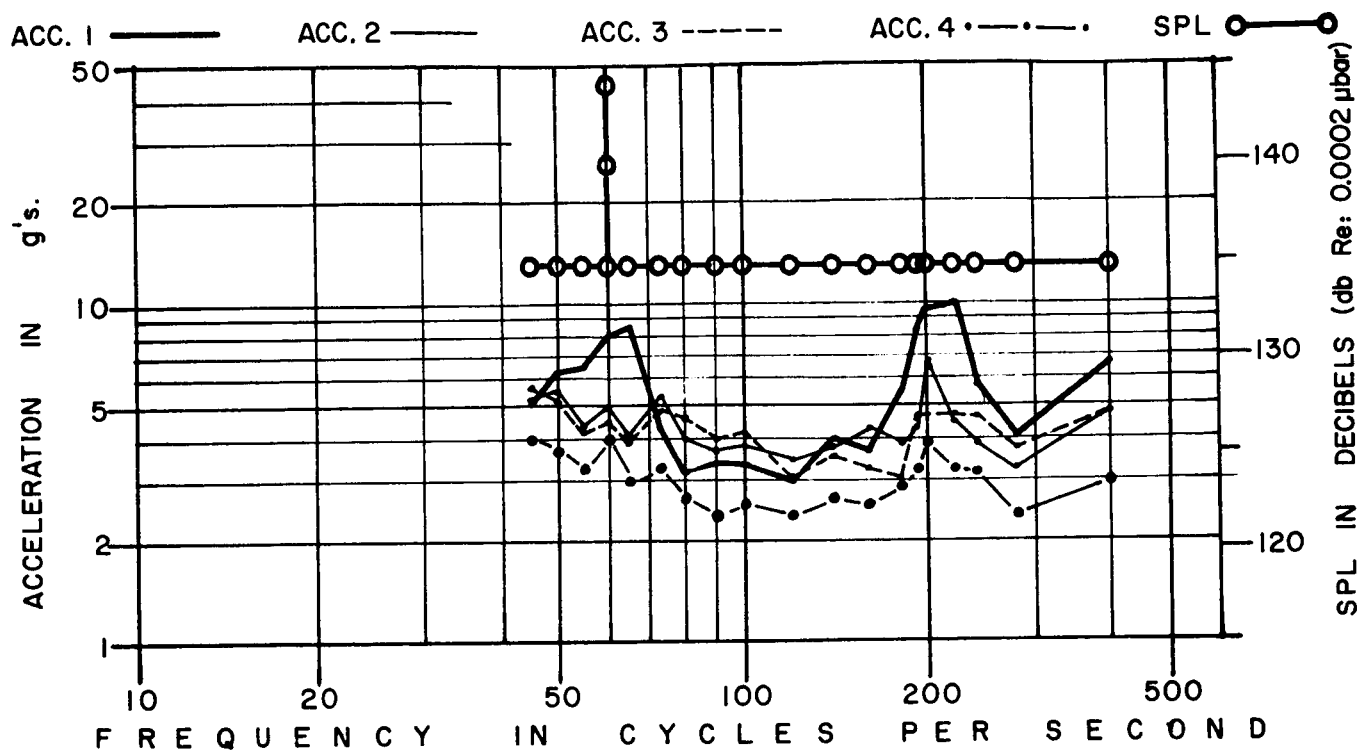
FIGURE A-15  
FLORIDA DATA  
RUN 15

A-17



RUN 16  
FLORIDA DATA  
FIGURE A-16

FIGURE A-17  
FLORIDA DATA  
RUN 17



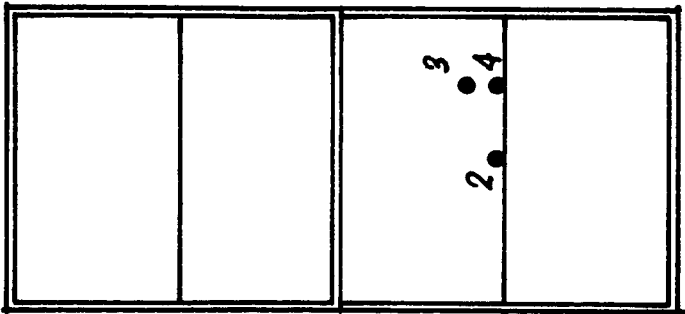
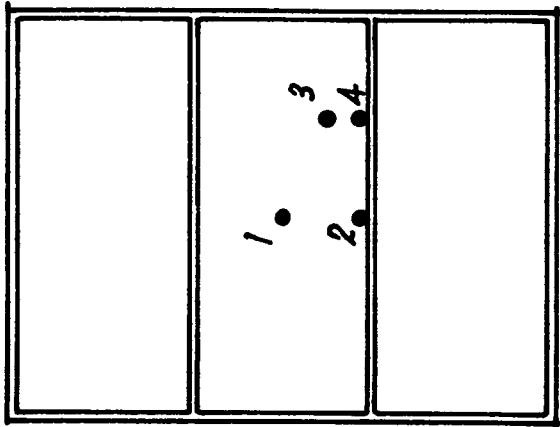
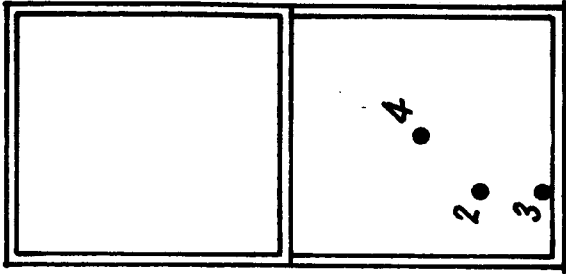
APPENDIX B

DATA FROM DENVER TESTS

### Data from Denver Tests

The following data were acquired during Phase III of the study. Two types of acoustic excitation, random and sinusoidal, were applied to the individual windows of the test panel, which is shown on the following page. The results of the random tests and sinusoidal test are shown in the following graphs.

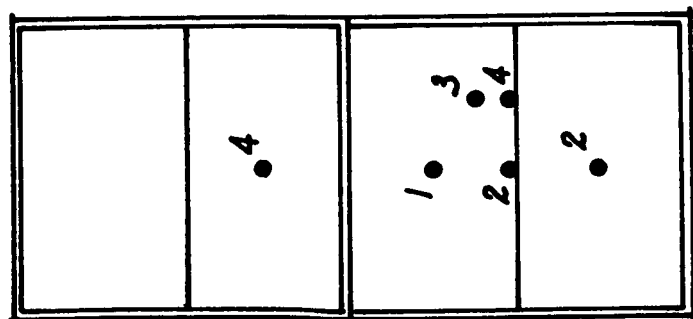


DENVER DATA			
Double Hung	Awning	Double Hung	
			
Run 18	Run 19	Run 20	
Pane Size: 23 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> x 13 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	Pane Size: 33 x 14 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	Pane Size: 19 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> x 21 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	
Wood Sash	Alum. Sash	Wood Sash	
Figure B-O.1			



# DENVER DATA

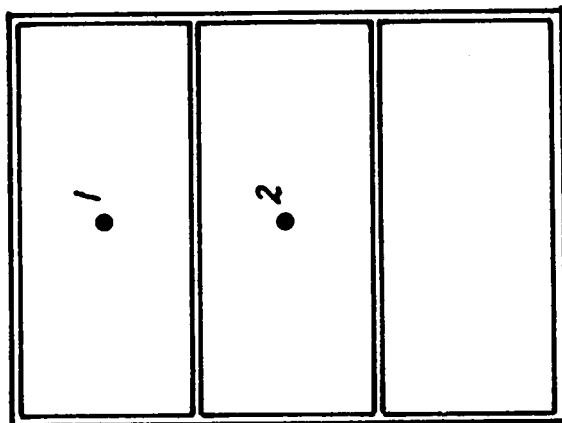
Double Hung



Run 21

Pane Size:  $23\frac{5}{8} \times 13\frac{5}{8}$   
Wood Sash

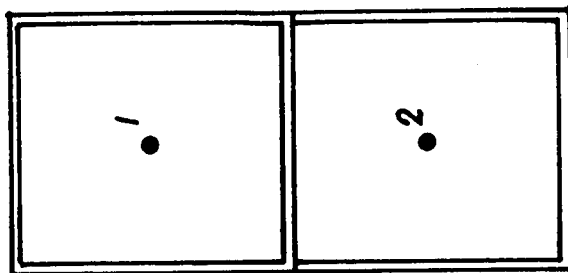
Awning



Run 22

Pane Size:  $33 \times 14\frac{3}{8}$   
Alum. Sash

Double Hung

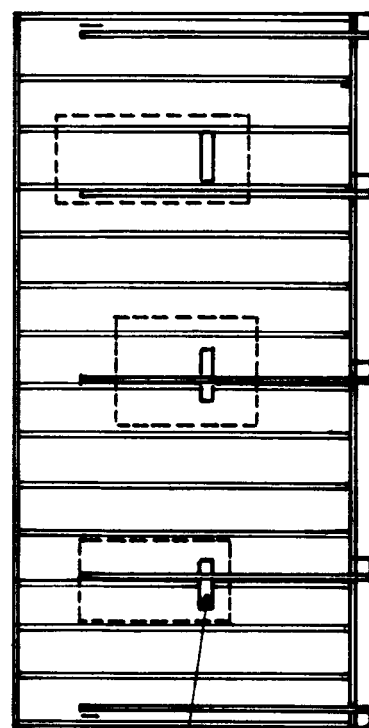
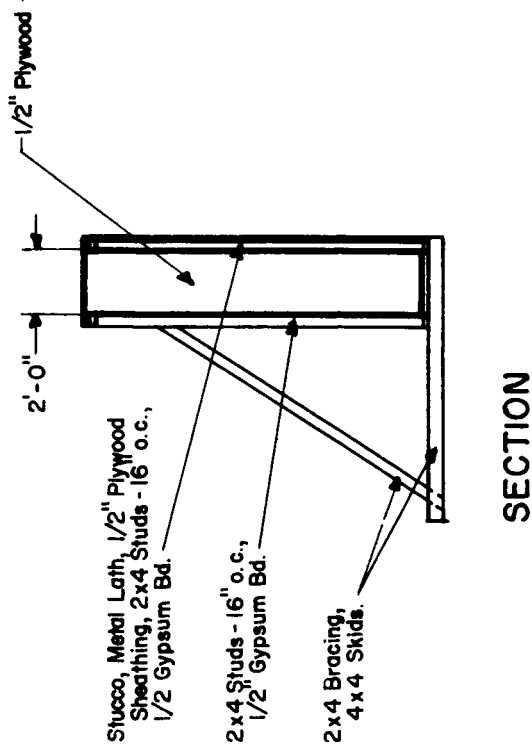
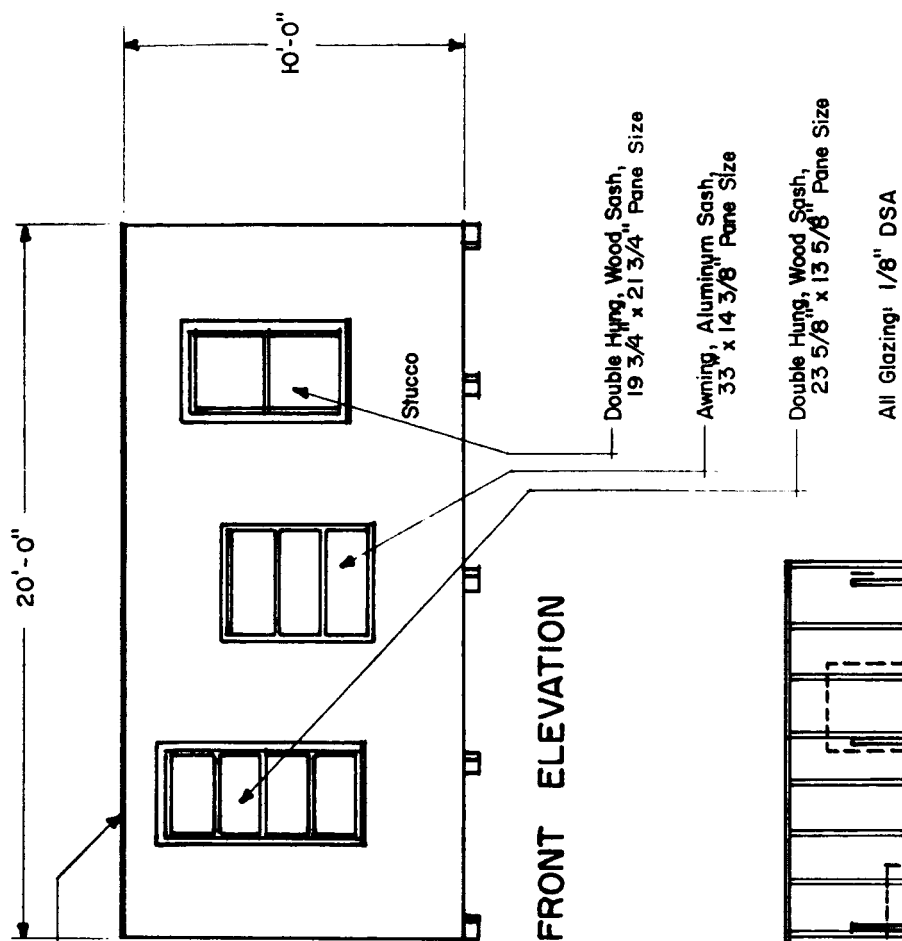


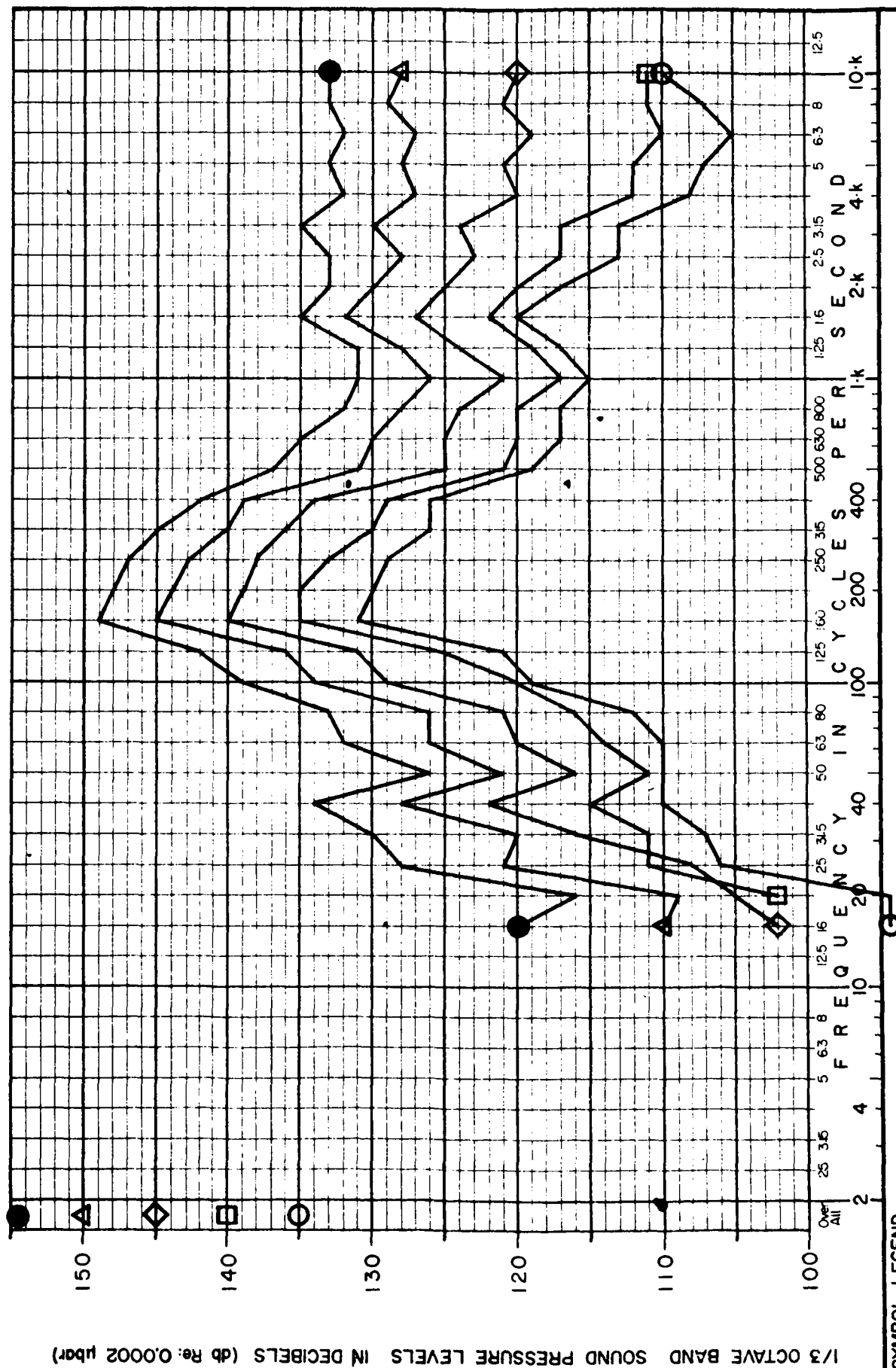
Run 23

Pane Size:  $19\frac{3}{4} \times 21\frac{3}{4}$   
Wood Sash

Figure B-O.2

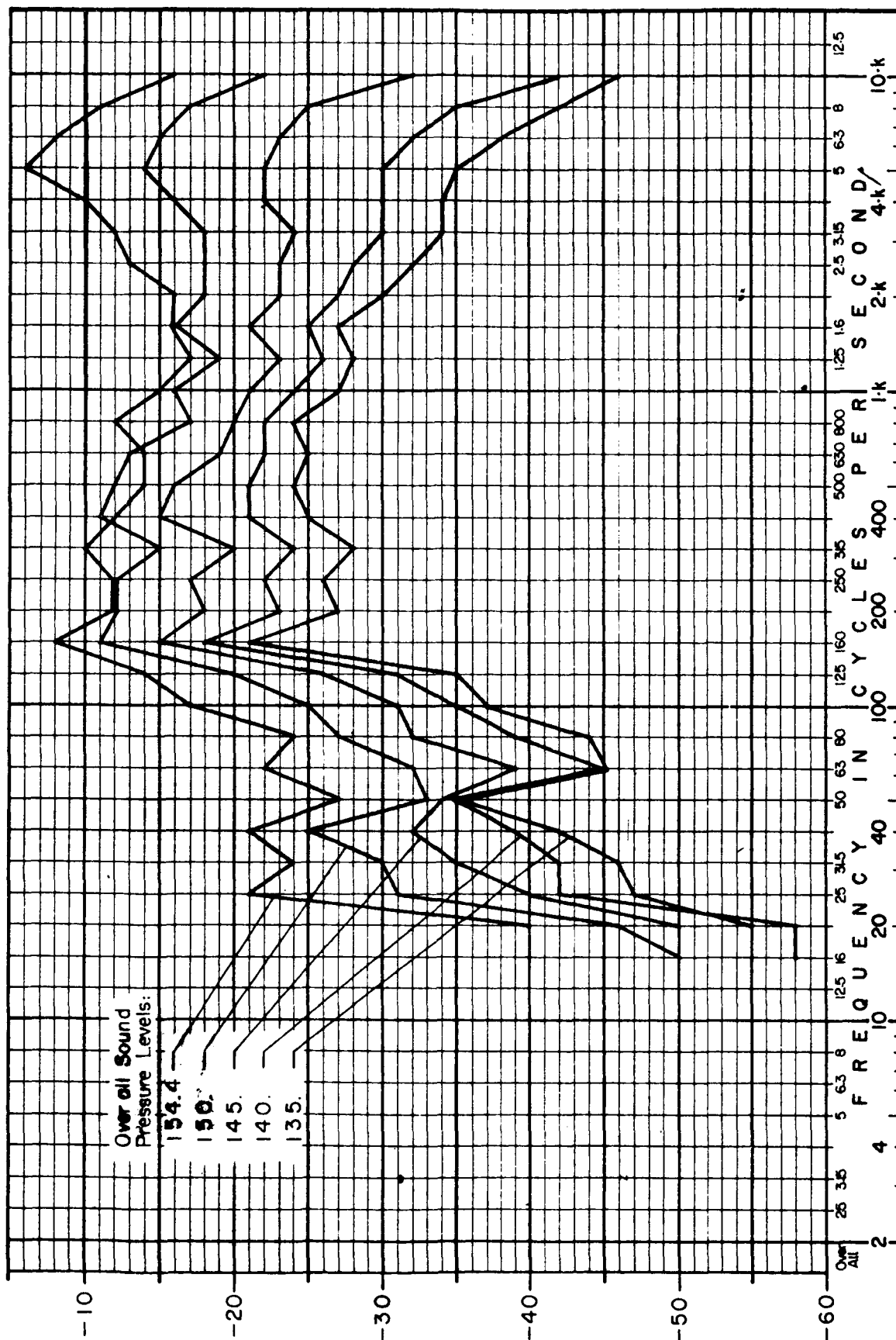
DENVER TEST FIXTURE  
FIGURE B-0.3





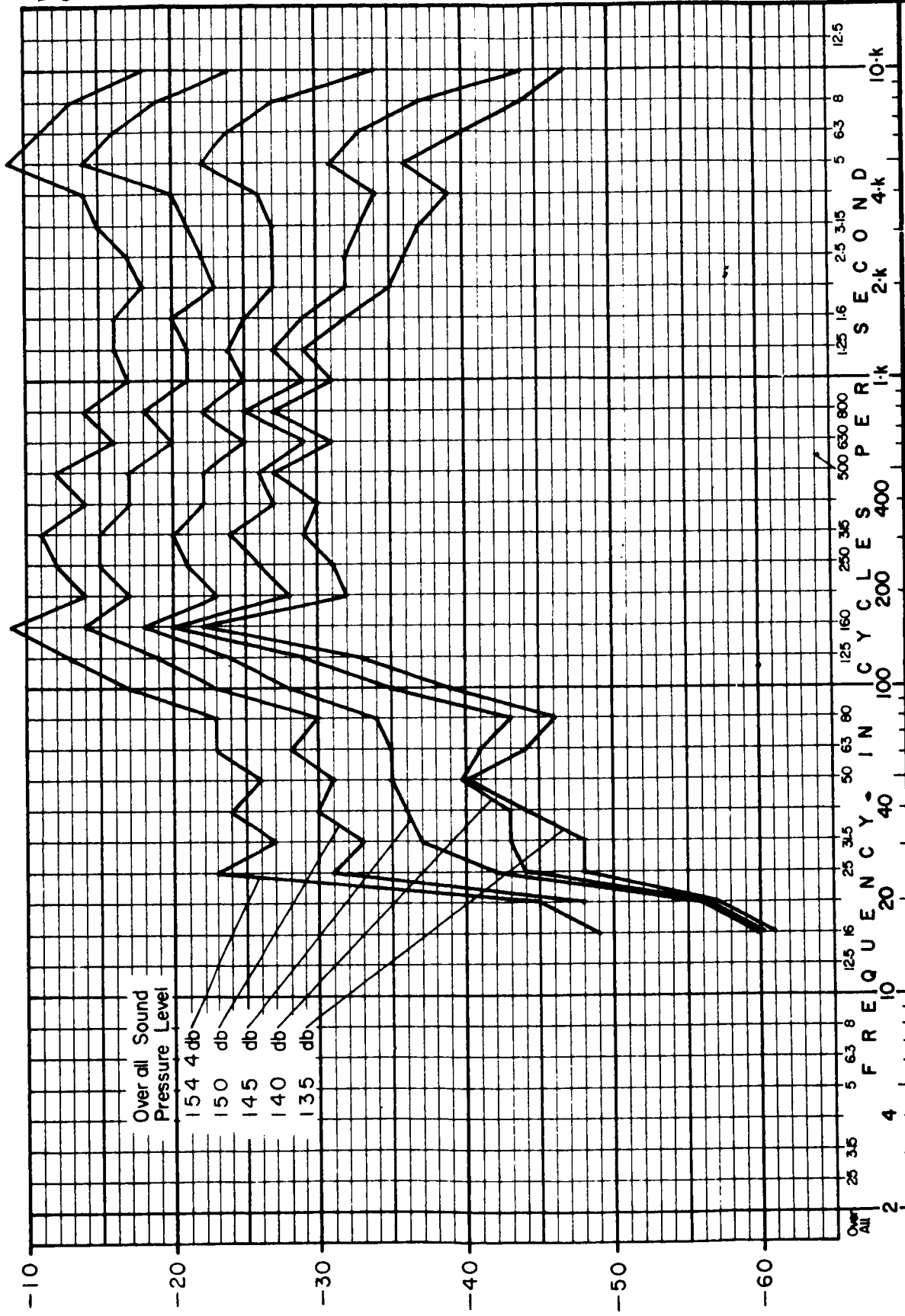
**RUN 18  
DENVER DATA  
MICROPHONE 2**

**B-18.1  
FIGURE**



RUN 18  
DENVER DATA  
ACCELEROMETER 3

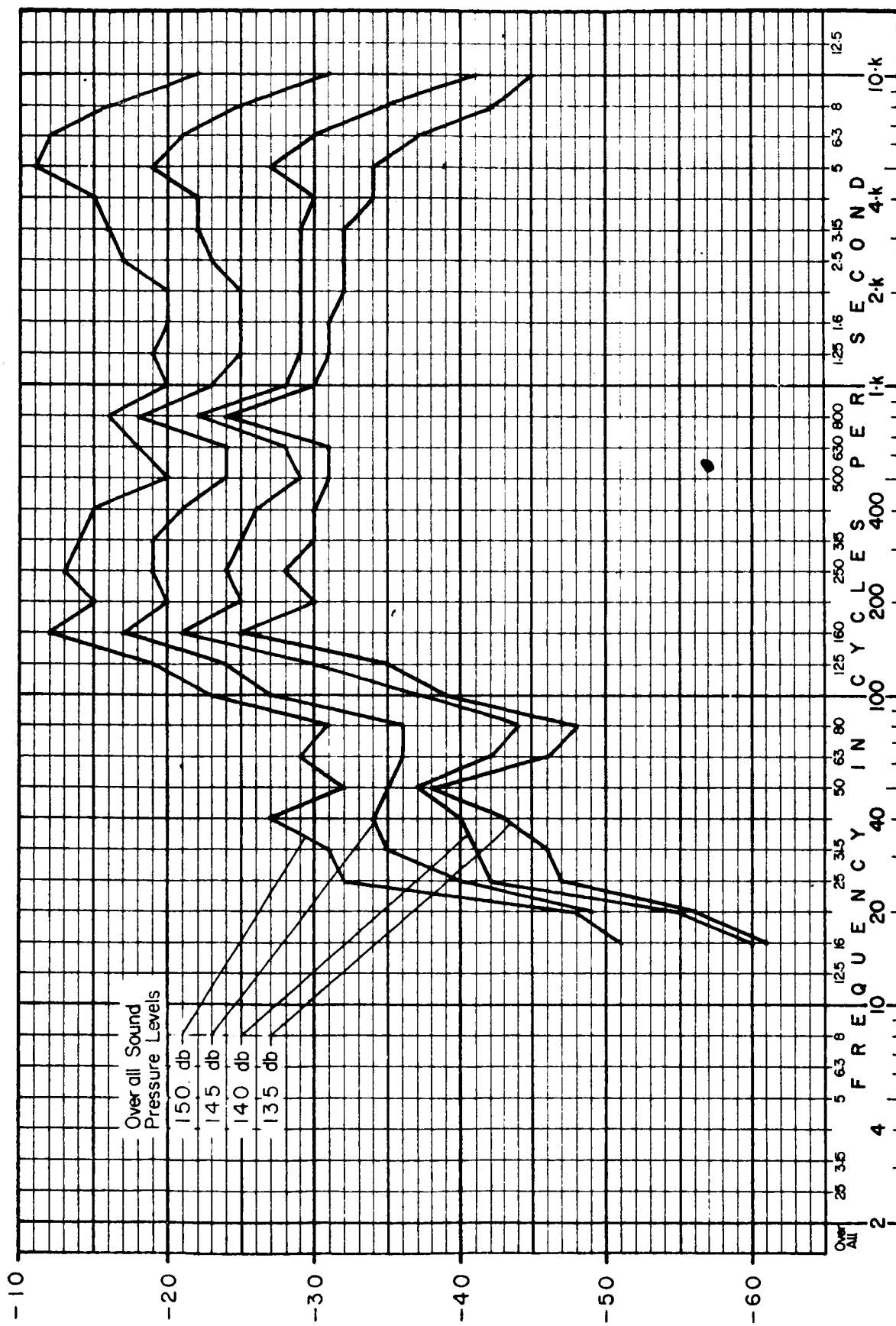
B-18.2  
FIGURE



SYMBOL LEGEND

RUN 18  
DENVER DATA  
ACCELEROMETER 2

B-18.3  
FIGURE



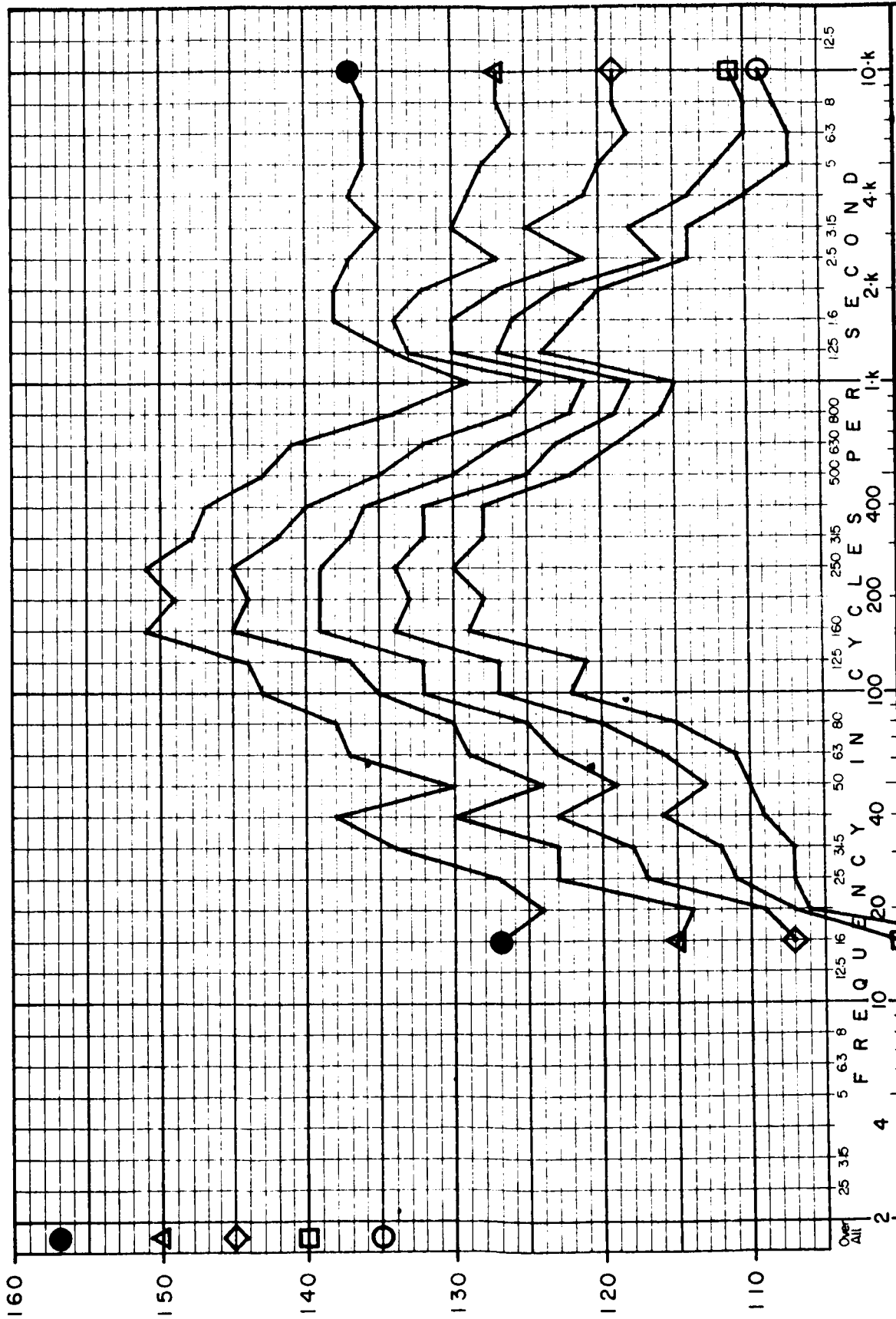
SYMBOL LEGEND

RUN 18

DENVER DATA

ACCELEROMETER 4

B-18.4  
FIGURE

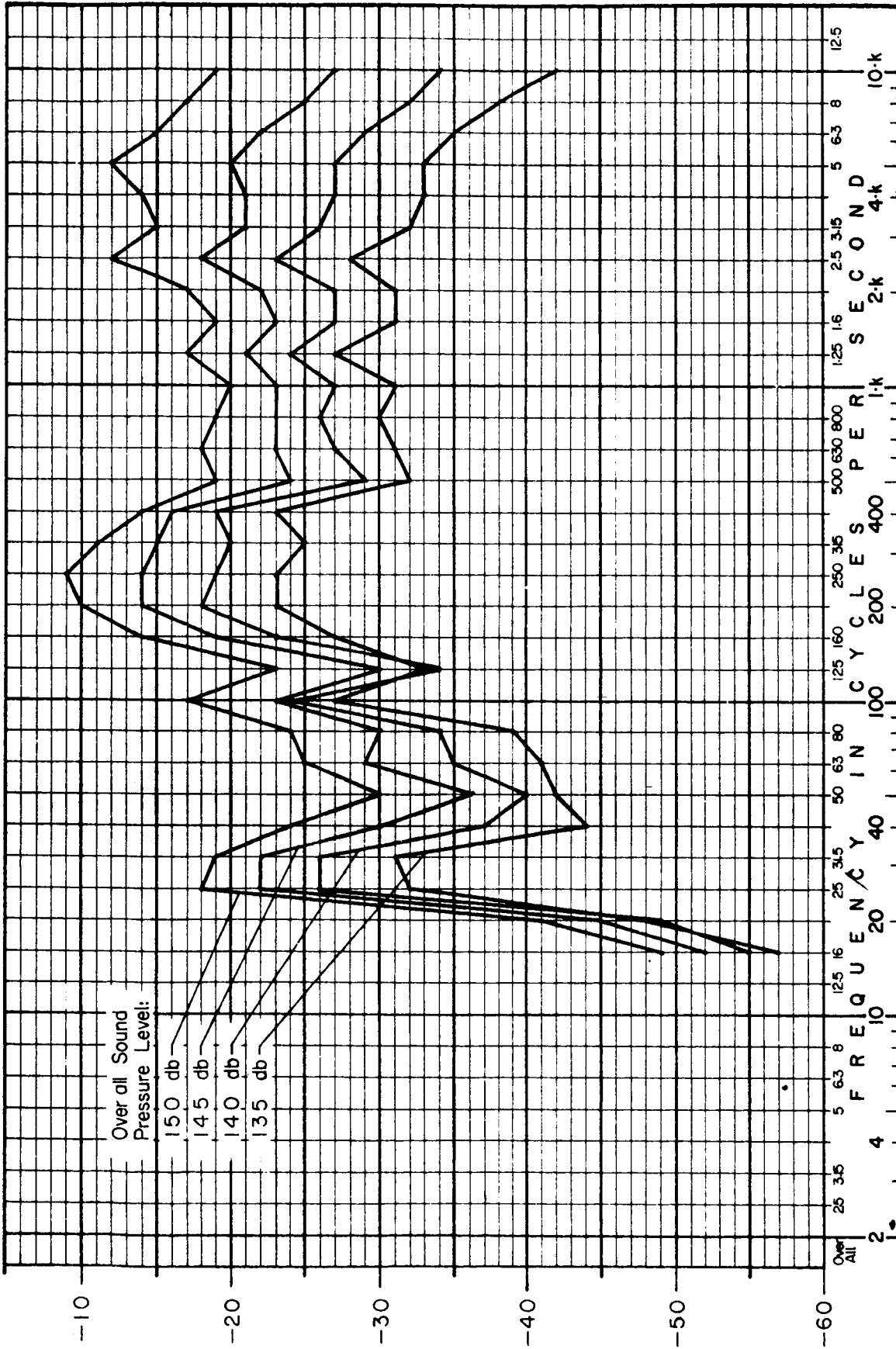


SYMBOL LEGEND

RUN 19  
DENVER DATA  
MICROPHONE 2

B-19.1  
FIGURE

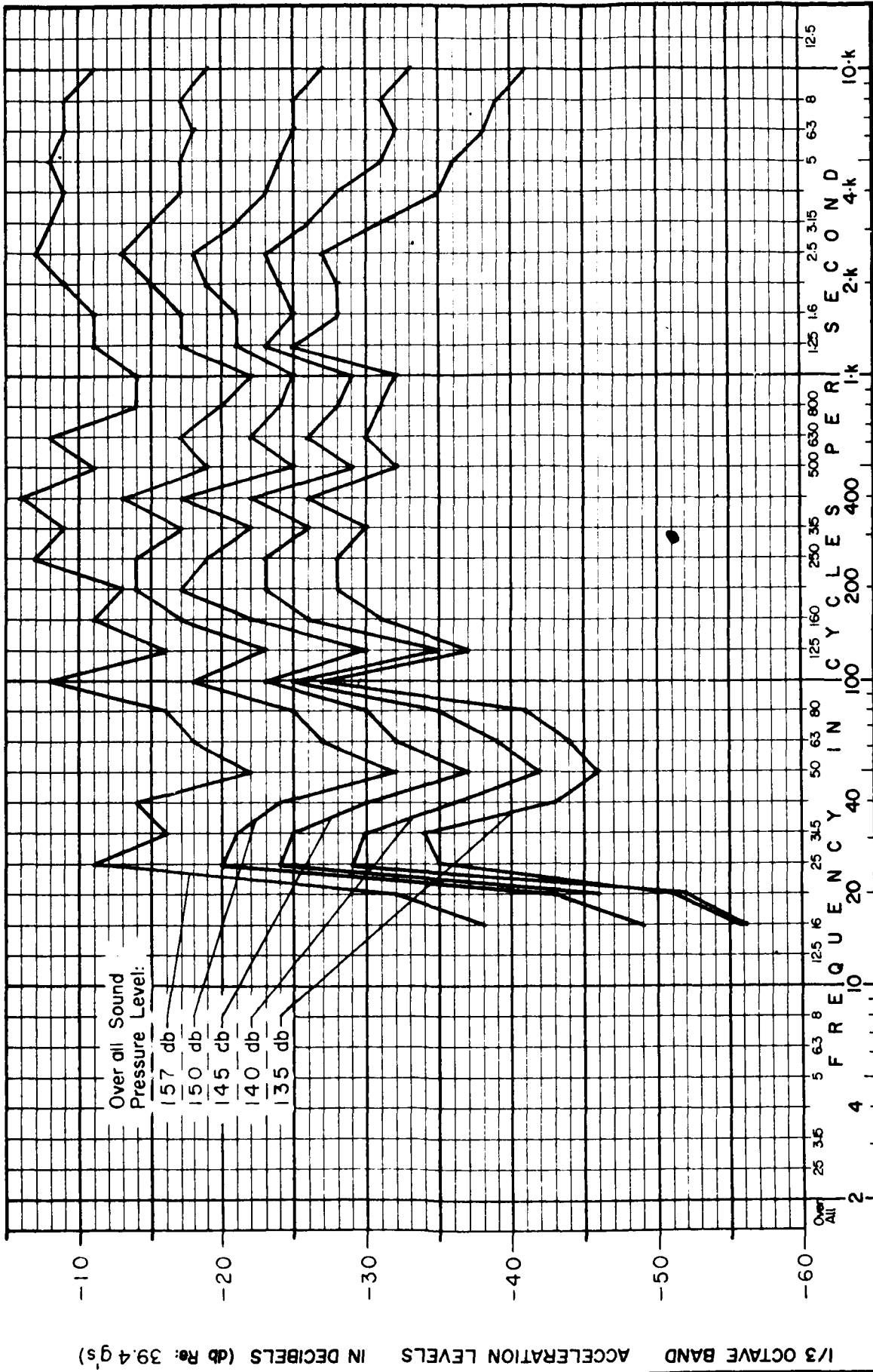




SYMBOL LEGEND

RUN 19  
DENVER DATA  
ACCELEROMETER 1

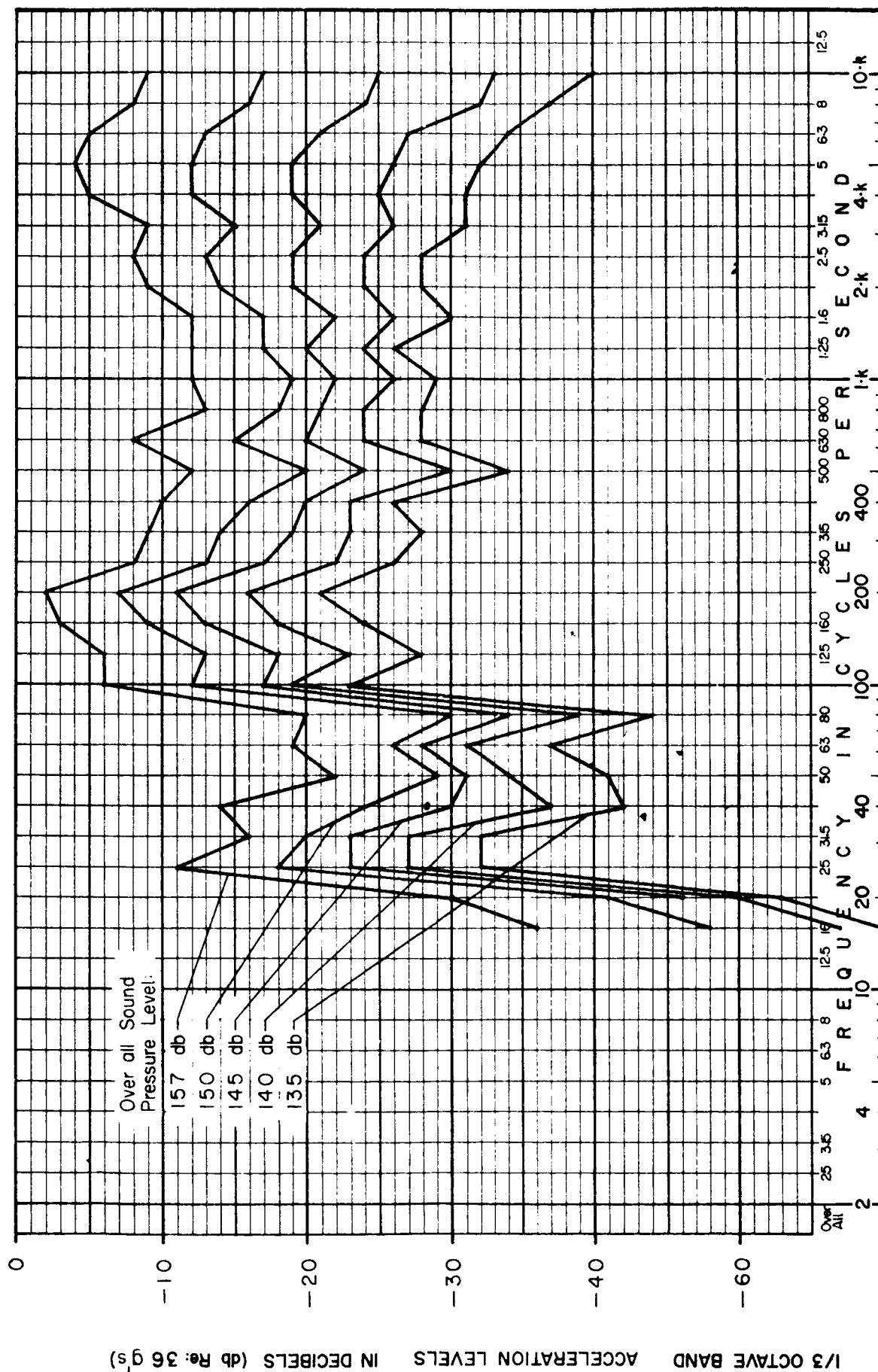
B-19.2  
FIGURE

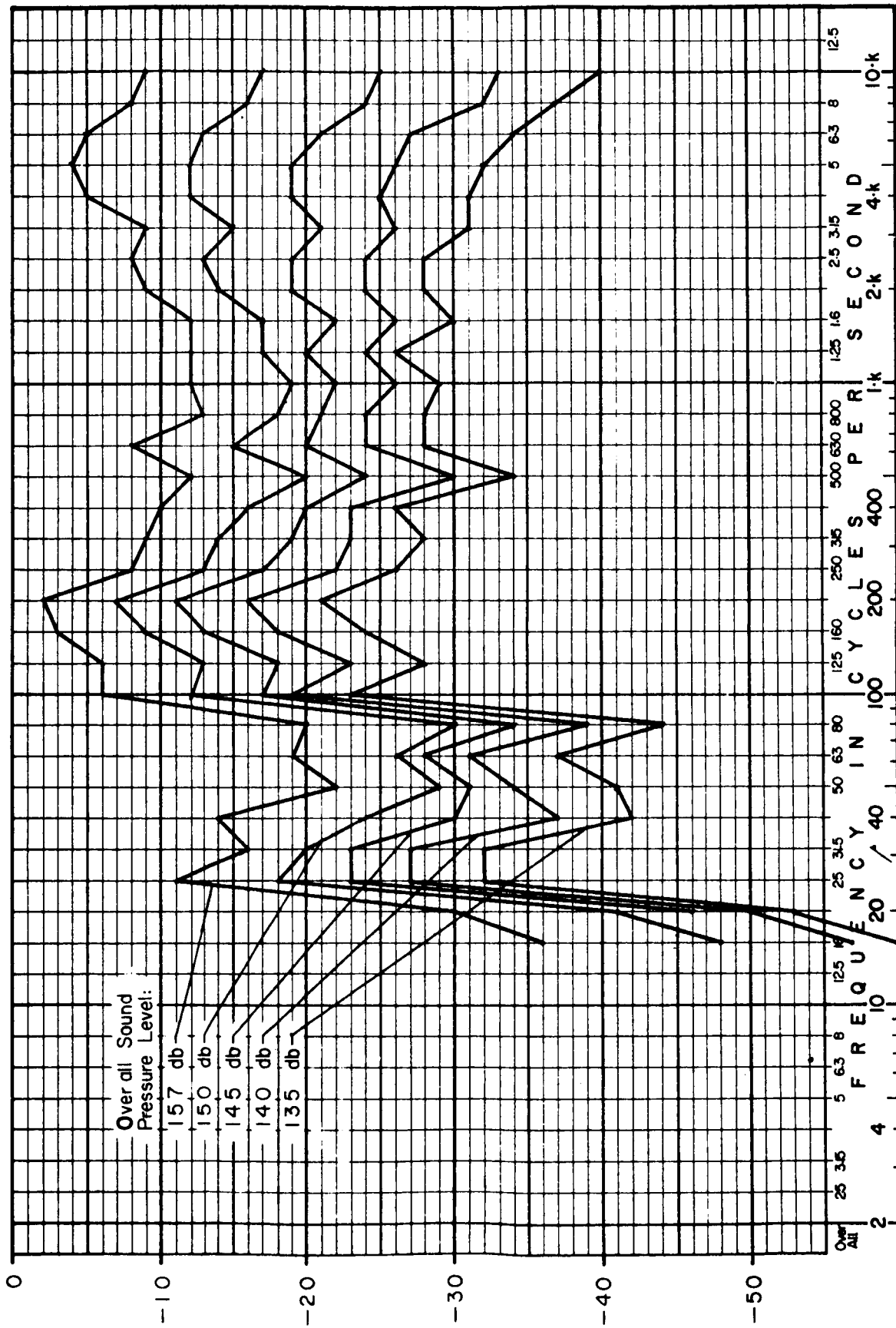


SYMBOL LEGEND

RUN 19  
DENVER DATA  
ACCELEROMETER 2

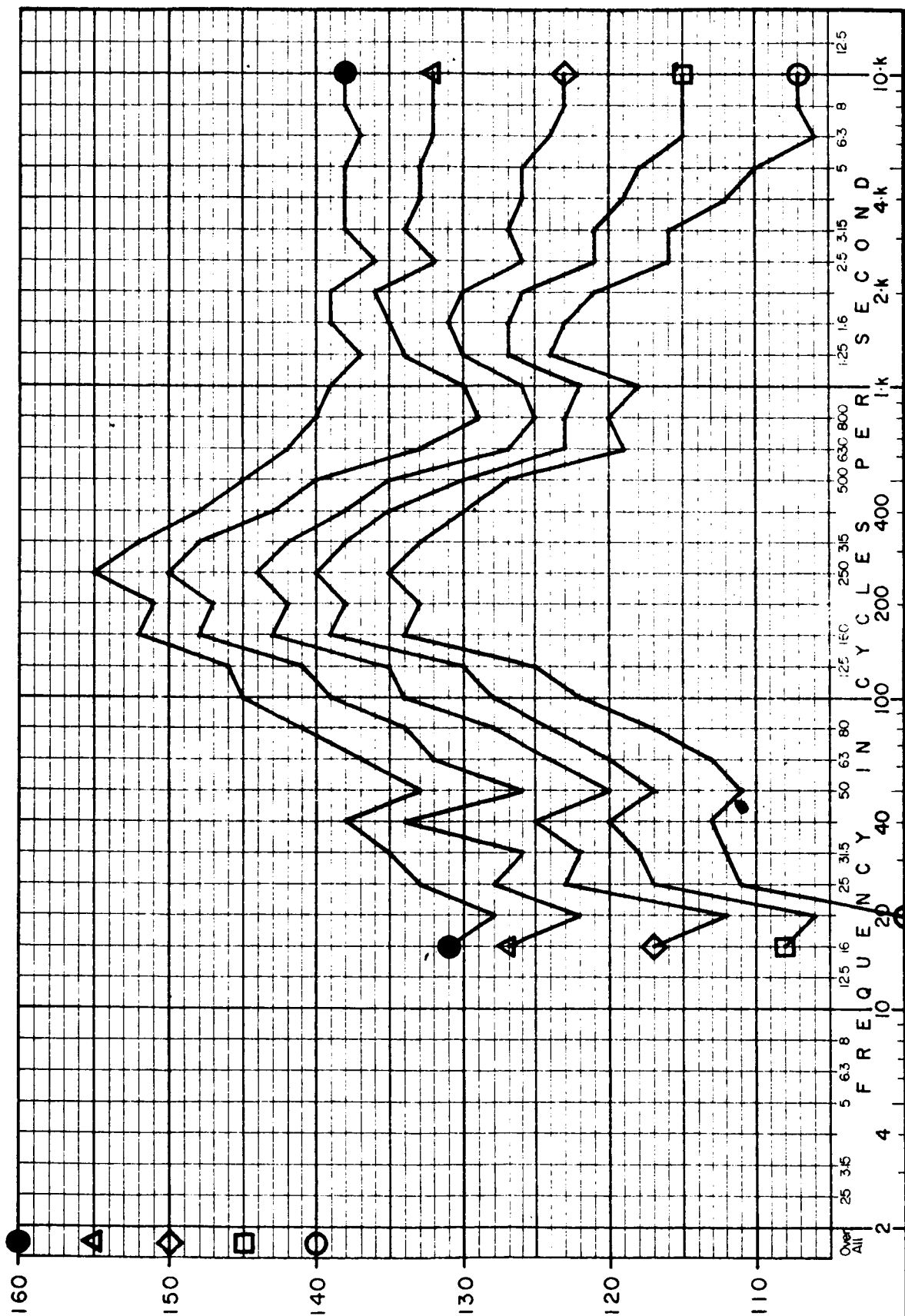
B-19.3  
FIGURE





SYMBOL LEGEND

RUN 19  
DENVER DATA  
ACCELEROMETER 4

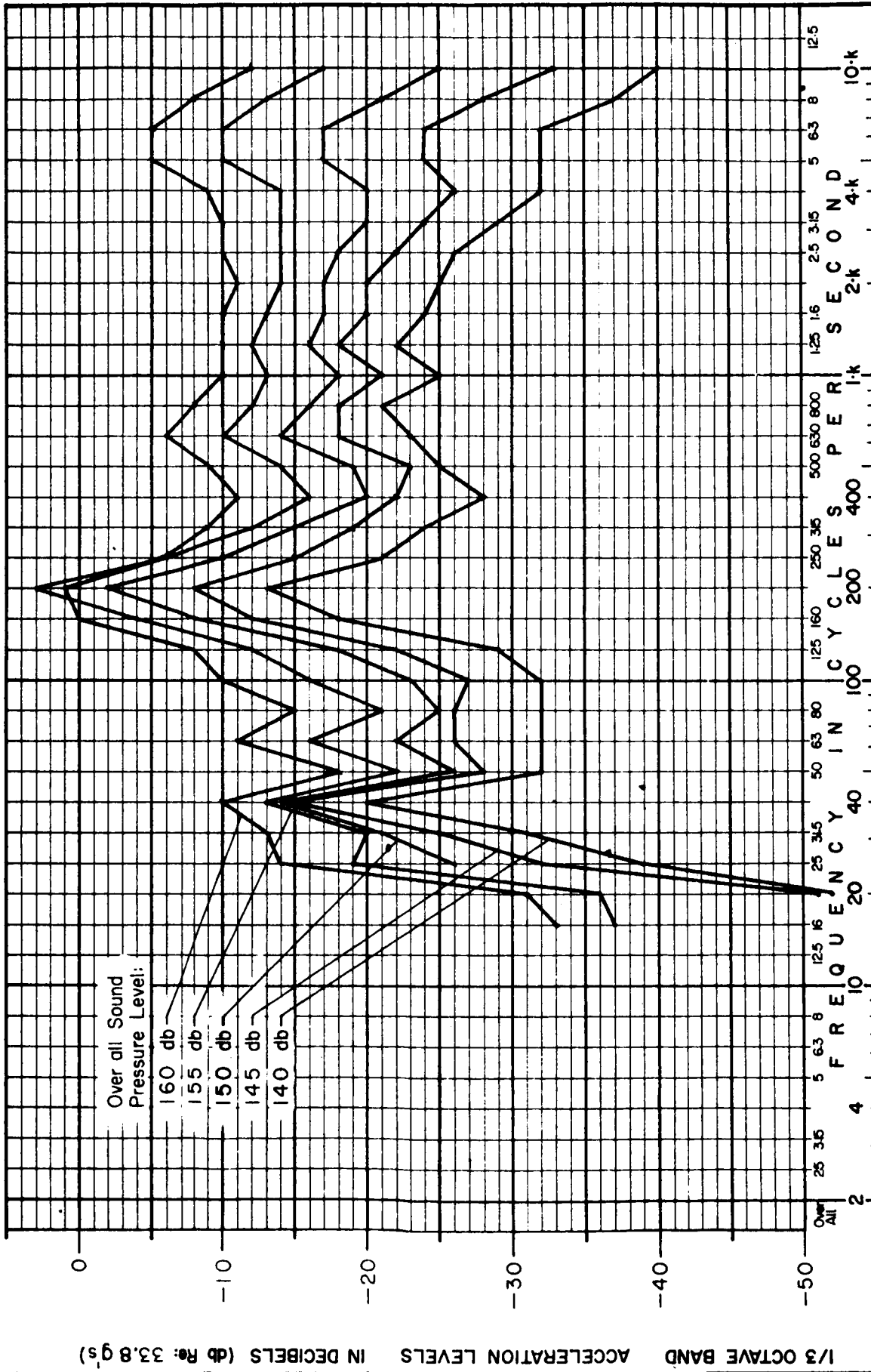


1/3 OCTAVE BAND SOUND PRESSURE LEVELS IN DECIBELS (db Re: 0.0002 µbar)

SYMBOL LEGEND

RUN 20  
DENVER DATA  
MICROPHONE 2

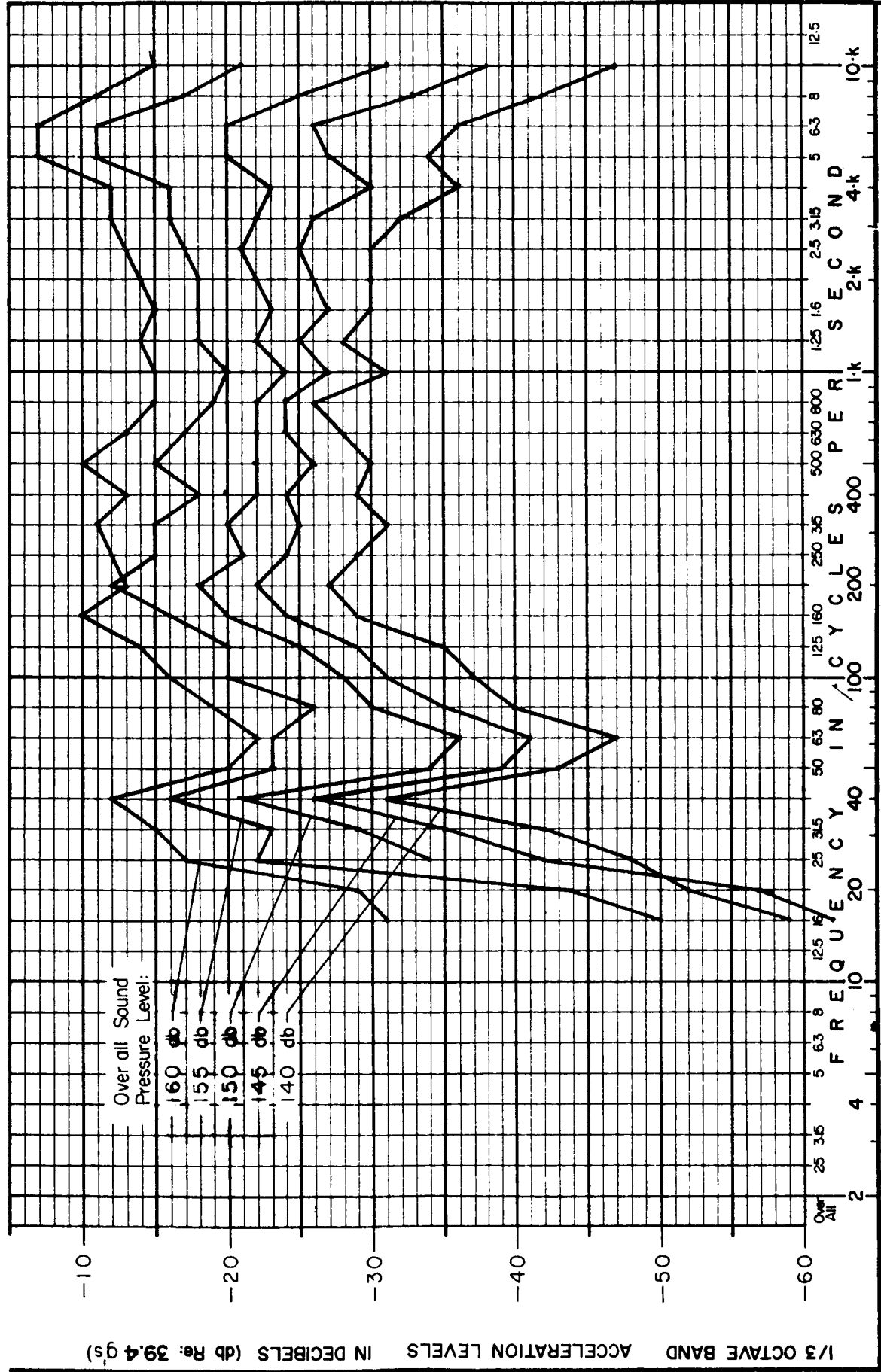
B-20.1  
FIGURE



SYMBOL LEGEND

RUN 20  
DENVER DATA  
ACCELEROMETER 4

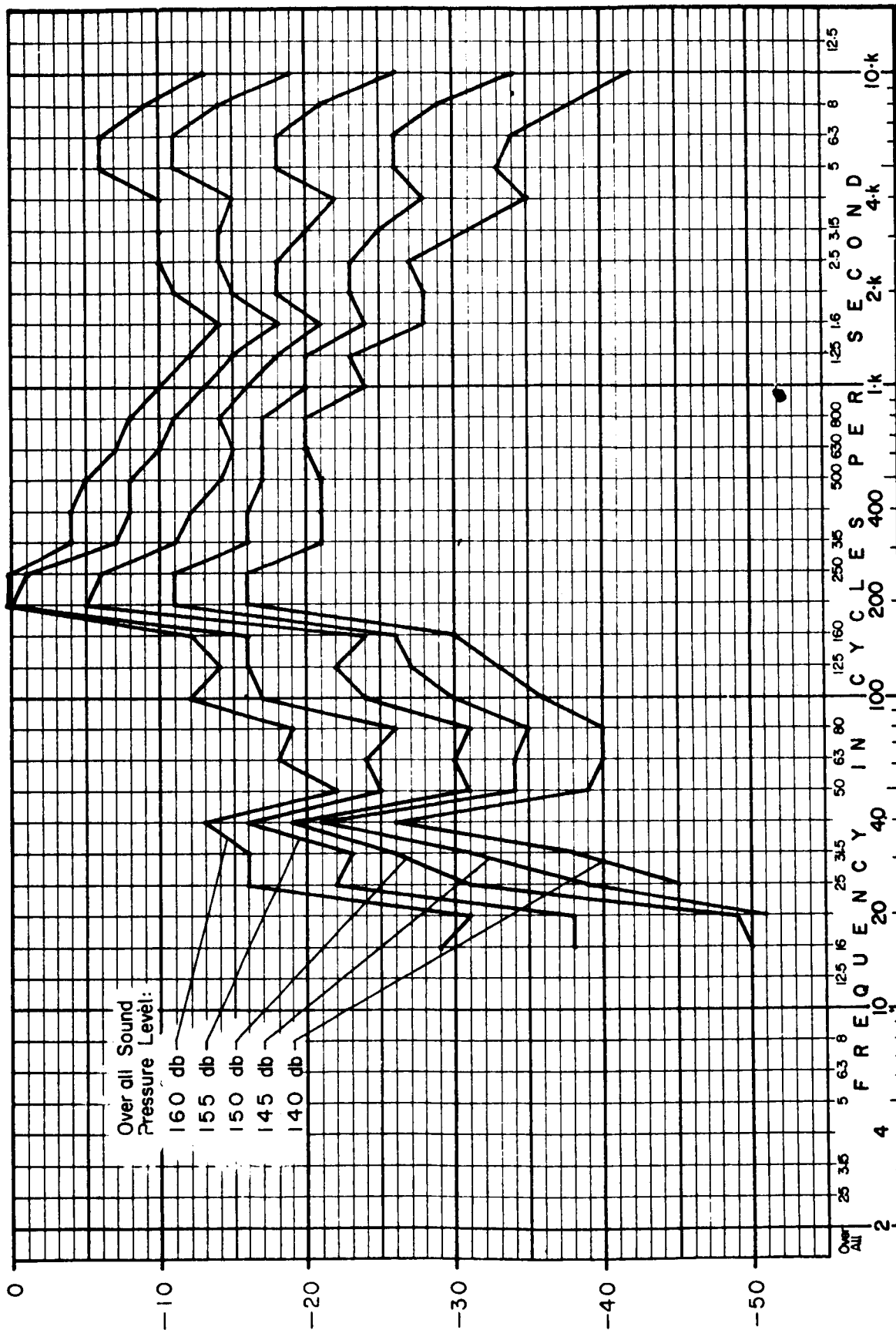
B-20.2  
FIGURE



SYMBOL LEGEND

RUN 20  
DENVER DATA  
ACCELEROMETER 2

B-20.3  
FIGURE



SYMBOL LEGEND

RUN 20  
DENVER DATA  
ACCELEROMETER 3

B.20.4  
FIGURE



FIGURE B-21  
DENVER DATA  
RUN 21

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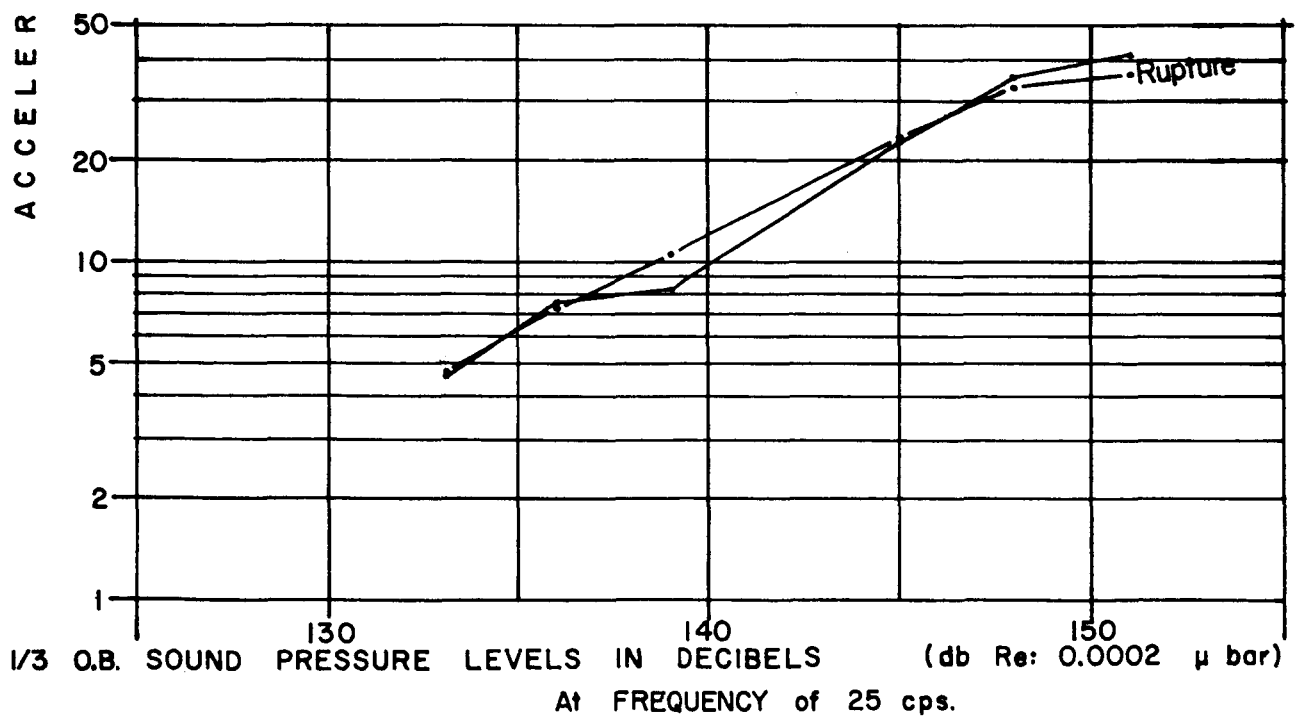
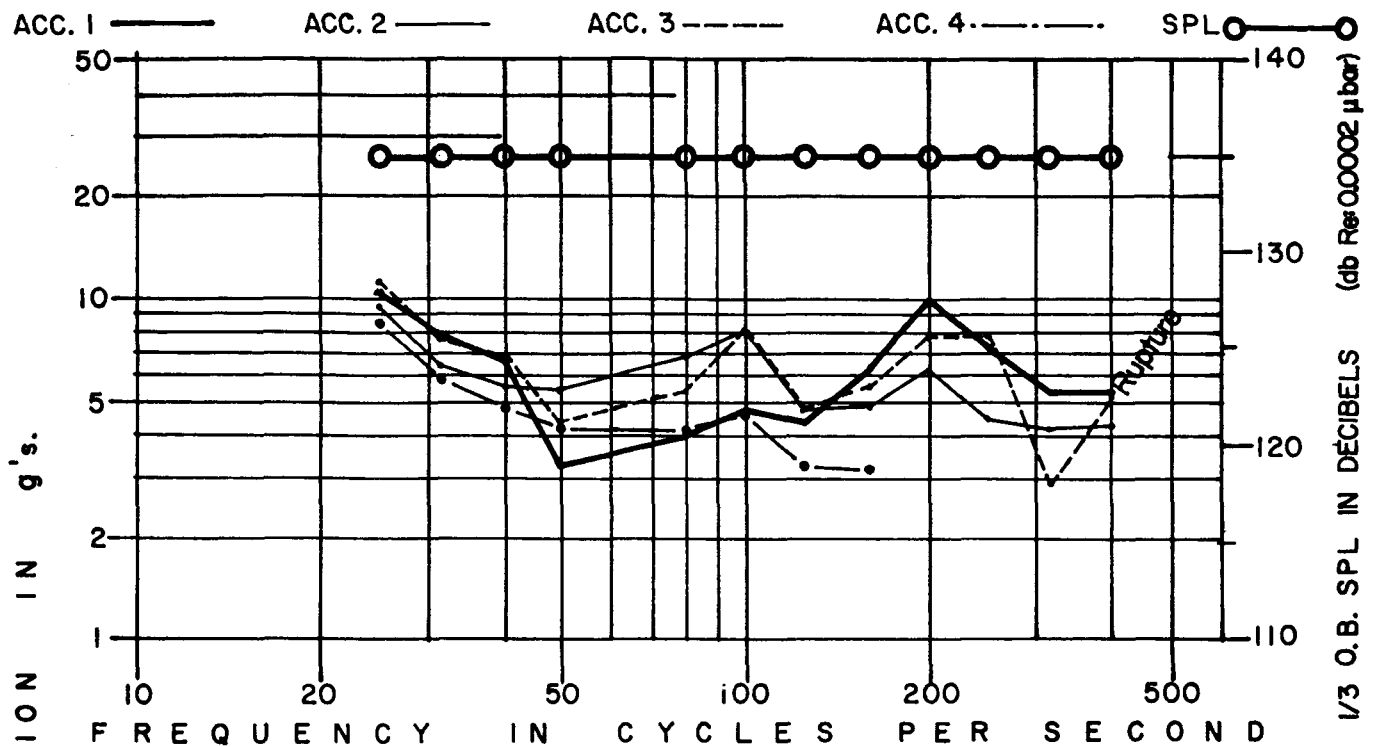


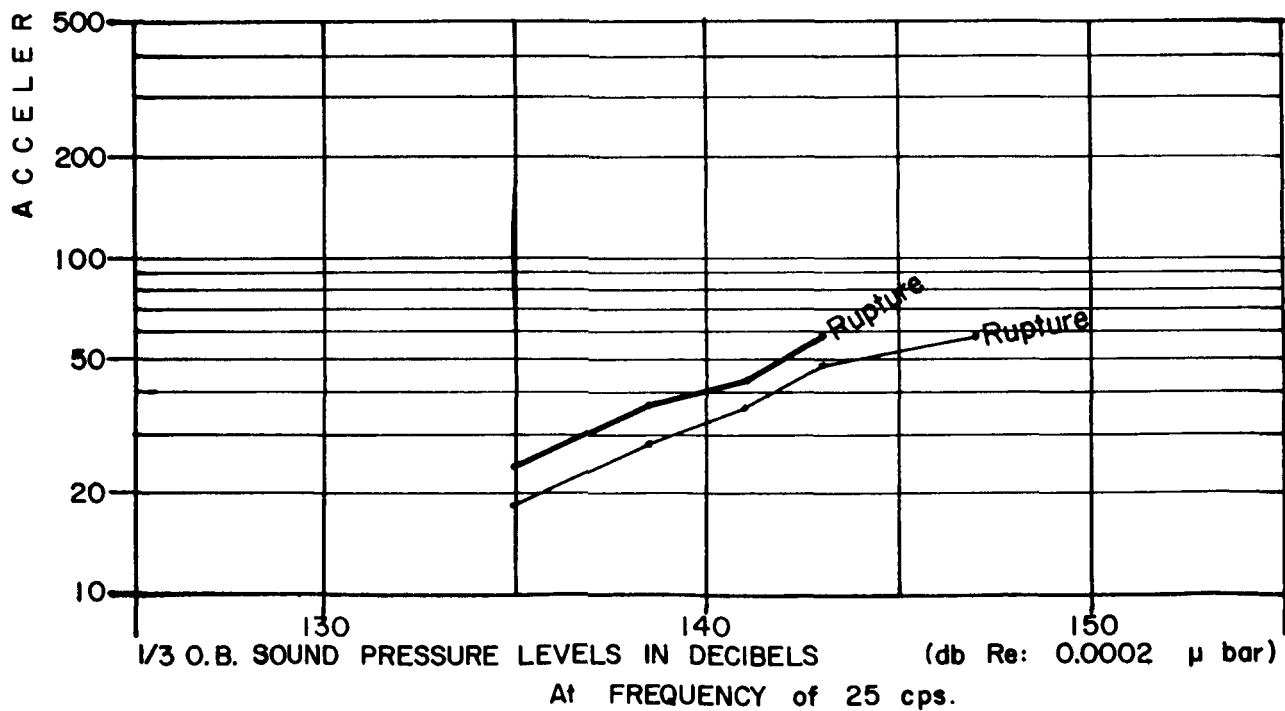
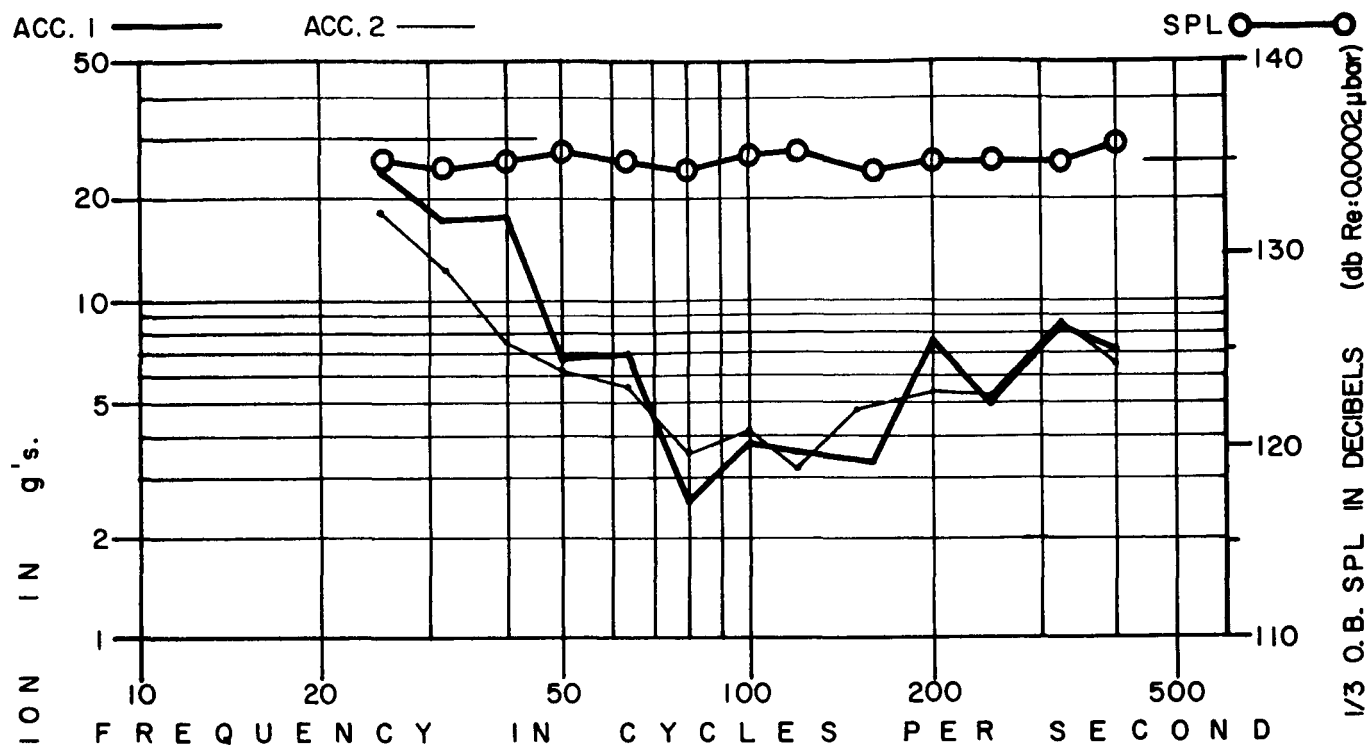
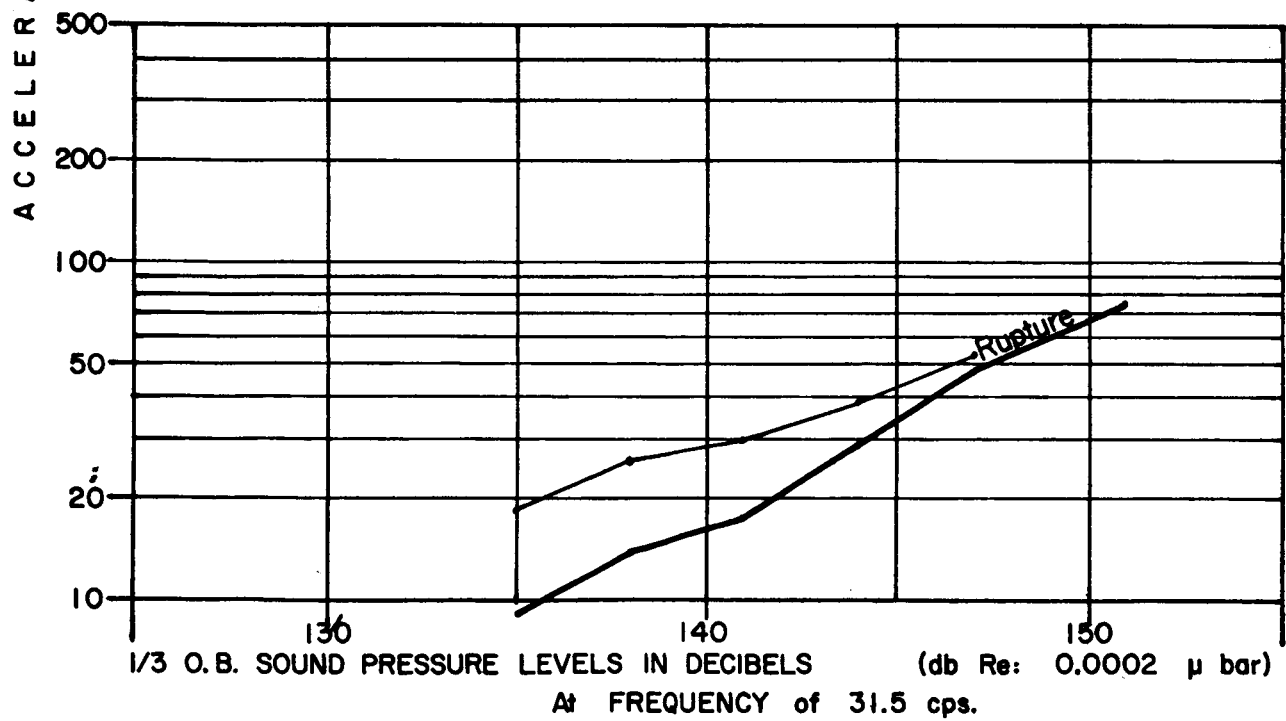
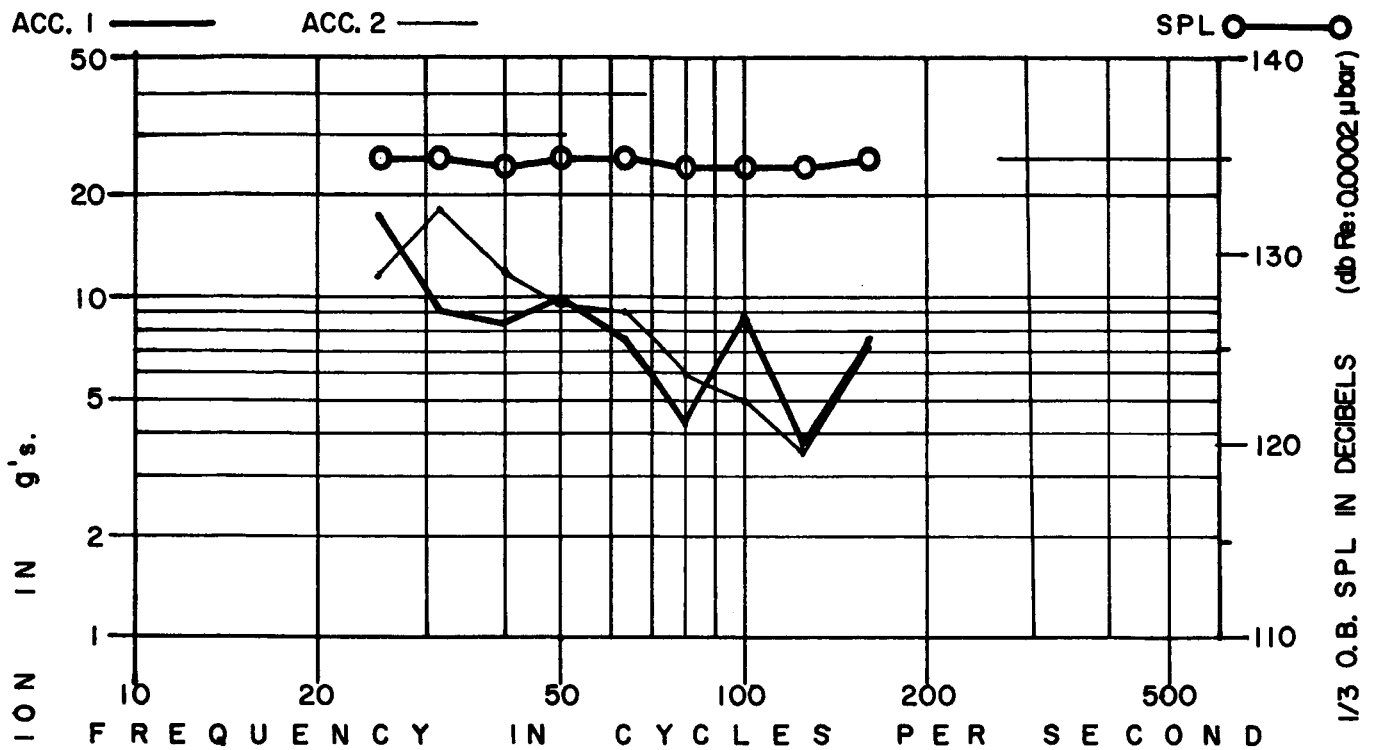
FIGURE B-22  
DENVER DATA  
RUN 22

FIGURE B-23  
DENVER DATA  
RUN 23

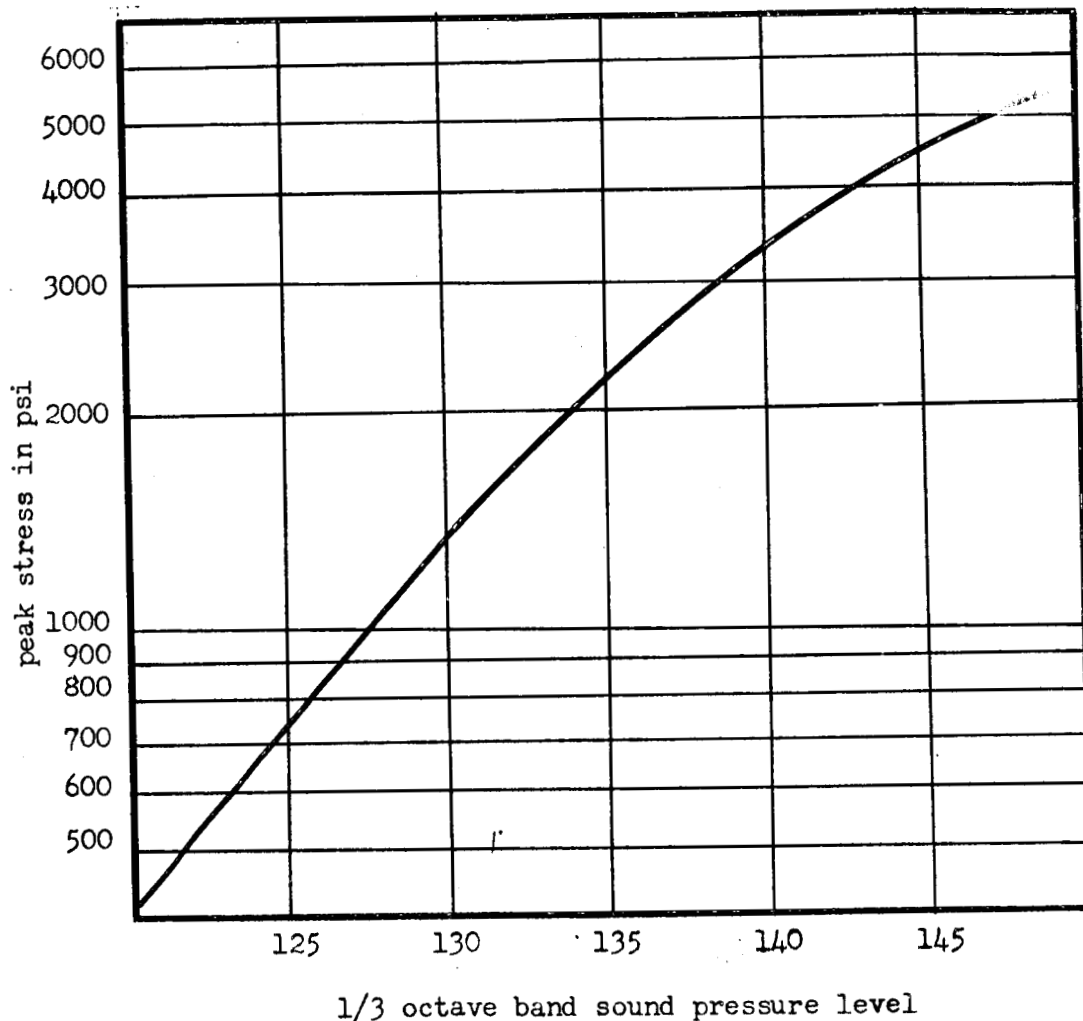
B-21



APPENDIX C  
FRAGILITY PREDICTION

## Prediction of Fragility Level

The fragility of windows to acoustic excitation was determined at the fundamental frequency of the window by test. The fragility above the fundamental frequency was determined by the following method. The stress at the fundamental frequency was determined from the following graph.



Sinusoidal data at resonance were corrected for random, 1/3 octave level. The stress levels at other frequencies were found from acceleration data. From the graph, the stress at frequency  $f_1$  ( $f_1$   $f_0$ ) was located on the curve. The increase in sound pressure level (SPL) required to increase the stress to 5000 psi (the assumed failure stress). The fragility SPL

was the sum of the test SPL + SPL. As an example, assume the stress at 200 cps was 740 psi. The excitation required to raise 750 psi to 500 psi would be 22 db. If the excitation level was 145 db (135 db sine -7 db sine-random correction +17 db bandwidth correction) the fragility level would be 167 db (1/3 octave band SPL).

The following table shows the fragility predictions for each window.

<u>Run 1</u>		<u>Run 2</u>		<u>Run 3</u>		<u>Run 4</u>	
<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>
23.5	142	25	142	24	142	25	142.5
30	152	30	146.5	30	144.5	30	144.5
39	152.5	33	143	32	143.5	31.8	143
41	155	35	143.5	32	142.5	33	142
45	156	40	149.5	35	146.5	35	145
50	159.5	50	154	40	151	40	149.5
60	163.5	60	160	50	156.5	50	156.5
70	165.5	68	161.5	60	159	60	160
76	175	75	167.5	66	161.5	70	161
98	182.5	80	172	76	167.5	77	171.5
120	187.5	100	173.5	100	171.5	100	172.5
140	192	120	176.5	112	174	120	178.5
160	192.5	140	178.5	120	178.5	140	181.5
182	192	160	181	160	183.5	160	183
250	197.5	180	185	165	184	180	188.5
300	203			180	184	190	191.5
350	204.5			180	184.5	200	181
400	209.5			200	181	280	198
450	213			230	185.5	395	200
490	212.5			280	197	450	201
495	209.5			320	195.5	480	198.5
560	213			360	203	575	208.5
				440	203.5		
				485	205.5		
				550	212		

<u>Run 5</u>		<u>Run 6</u>		<u>Run 7</u>		<u>Run 9</u>	
<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>
25	150	25	146	25	142	25	146.5
30	145	26.8	142	30	149.5	30	149
31	142	30	150.5	35	152	35	142
31.5	146.5	30	148.5	40	154	40	149
35	154	33	151.5	42.5	152	45	152.5
45	160.5	33	153.5	42.5	150	50	155.5
50	163.5	35	154	50	161.5	60	158
60	167.5	35	152	60	164.5	70	163
70	170	40	156	69	165	77	166.5
76	171.5	50	163	76	166.5	80	167
80	174.5	50	162.5	80	168	90	170.5
90	178.5	60	166.5	85	162.5	100	173.5
100	182	68	170	85	163	120	175.5
120	186	68	171	100	175.5	140	179
140	189	76	173.5	120	176	180	181
160	190.5	80	173.5	140	181	192	181.5
180	192	80	174	160	181.5	200	178.5
186	193	80	173.5	180	188.5	280	197
280	197	80	174	190	183	400	204
320	203.5	100	180	200	188.5	450	205.5
450	218.5	120	187	200	188		
500	214.5	140	189.5	257	187		
560	209.5	160	191	280	193		
		240	199	360	200		
		280	210	400	204.5		
		360	211				
		400	211.5				
		450	215.5				
		520	216.5				
		550	219.5				



<u>Run 12</u>		<u>Run 14</u>		<u>Run 15</u>		<u>Run 16</u>	
<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>
25	142	45	142	54	145.5	35	147
45	150.5	50	147	50	142	40	142
45	153	55	153	55	145	45	147.5
50	154.5	60	152.5	60	147	50	150.5
60	159.5	68	156	66	151.5	55	150
67	162	77	157.5	76	156.5	60	152.5
77	165	80	159.5	80	157.5	67	155.5
80	166	90	160.5	90	161	75	160.5
90	169.5	100	164	100	162.5	80	161.5
100	172	120	167	120	167.5	80	162
120	175	140	171	160	173.5	90	166
160	184.5	160	173.5	180	173.5	90	166
180	184	180	174	200	176.5	100	166.5
200	186	200	174	280	183.5	100	167
200	186	240	182.5	320	182	120	171.5
240	192.5	280	187.5	320	183	120	172
280	197.5	320	188.5			140	170
320	197	360	192			140	171
360	204	382	190			140	171.5
400	201.5	400	189			160	178.5
450	202	450	196			160	179
500	208	500	196.5			280	189
560	209	540	197			280	190
						320	194
						360	198
						360	199
						400	202.5
						450	201.5
						450	202.5
						500	206
						540	203.5
						540	204

<u>Run 17</u>		<u>Run 18</u>		<u>Run 19</u>		<u>Run 20</u>	
<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>
45	142	25	142	16	146.5	25	142.5
50	143	31	144	20	142	31	142
55	145	40	154	25	153	40	154.5
60	142	50	159.5	31	158.5	50	156
60	149	62	165.5	40	156	62	160.5
65	145.5	80	166.5	50	164	80	172
65	147.5	100	178.5	62	165	100	181
73	157	125	178	80	165.5	125	182.5
80	161.5	160	185	100	181.5	160	176.5
90	163	200	191	125	187	200	183
100	165.5	250	194	160	201	250	198
120	170.5	315	199.5	200	189.5	315	205.5
140	171.5	400	196	250	194	400	212
160	174.5			315	201		
160	175			400	205		
180	174						
194	172						
194	172.5						
200	173.5						
200	171.5						
200	172						
220	173						
220	174						
240	180						
280	186						
400	189.5						

<u>Run 21</u>		<u>Run 22</u>		<u>Run 23 Acc #1</u>		<u>Run 23 Acc #2</u>	
<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>Fragility Level</u>
25	142	25	142	25	142	25	141.5
31	150	31	150	31	153	31	142
40	156.5	40	156	40	159	40	152
50	167	50	168	50	162.5	50	158.5
62	169.5	62	172.5	62	169	62	161.5
80	175.5	80	186	80	179	80	172.5
100	178.5	100	188.5	100	178	100	178.5
125	184	125	193	125	190	125	186.5
160	186.5	160	198.5	160	189	160	186
200	187.5	200	196.5				
250	194.5	250	204.5				
315	202	315	205.5				
400	207	400	211.5				

APPENDIX D

MOTION PICTURE CONTENT OUTLINE

## MOTION PICTURE CONTENT OUTLINE

## "SOUND OF THE FUTURE"

OBJECTIVE	Public Information and Orientation
TREATMENT	Credulity is the key. The best approach here is to take dead aim at the audience and design the picture specifically to explain. People seldom fear, resent or are apprehensive about anything of which they understand or have some knowledge. We can utilize a soft sell approach, but at no time will we talk down to the audience. Therefore, the base line for design would be to inform the public, specifically those communities nearest the large booster launch sites, of the intense noise levels that they might expect during the launch of Saturn V and post Saturn boosters.
BASIC OUTLINE	PART I - Sound as a Part of Our Daily Lives PART II - NASA Planning for Noise PART III - Human Reaction to Noise PART IV - Conclusion
GENERAL	This will be a 16mm color sound motion picture presentation of approximately 12 minutes, 45 seconds. The picture must be believable, adhere to authenticity and take every precaution against the possibility of insult to audience intelligence or knowledge of the subject matter.

## I. INTRODUCTION: SOUND AS A PART OF OUR DAILY LIVES

VISUALAUDIO

1. The opening scenes will be a cut

FX sound cue

Face montage to depict

Pleasure

Dance music

Fear

Scream

Emotion

Woman crying

Distress

Baby crying

(FX sound under)

Dissolve

2. Busy street scenes

The sounds you have just heard are familiar sounds....the routine sound that is a part of our daily lives.

Dissolve

Narrator continues

3. NASA stock

However, today we live in an age of new ideas where the sum total of human knowledge is growing....and

Pre-launch Mercury VII cut to last-minute prep of astronaut in capsule. Pace fast. Cut to

4. NASA stock.

(FX sound autohorn, etc. on cue)

Continue pace - Pre-launch - Block-house - communications - red flashing light, etc.

Narrator continues

Cut

This new knowledge produces new sounds

5. NASA stock - ignition

(FX sound under narrator)

Cut

Sounds that are unusual....but

6. NASA stock - launch

So are the requirements!

Narrator out

7. Super presentation title over lift off. Continue on to track

FX sound taken from data tapes. Noise levels will be extremely loud just after lift-off.

"THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION PRESENTS"

(Hold for Reading Time)

Continue FX sound and take it down as booster climbs.

Fade

Super main title

"SOUND OF THE FUTURE"  
over NASA stock taken from capsule.

Bring in theme music and build through main title.

Fade

VISUAL

AUDIO

Narrator

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| 8. Simple limbo set - Sync narrator on camera - violinist in background. Camera starts move. | All the sounds you have just heard were produced by the vibration of air....  |
| 9. Sync - Narrator turns as camera moves in to MCU of violinist picking.                     | A simple example is a vibrating string of a violin which produces pressure fluctuations in the air.                           |
| 10. Sync - MCU as violinist goes into some music.  | The vibrating air in turn vibrates the ear and is then interpreted by the brain as music.                                     |
| 11. Cut to   | The two major properties of sound are.... frequency....and....amplitude.  |
| 12.  | Amplitude is associated with loudness. (FX sound) and..... frequency with tone. (FX sound).                                   |
| 13. MCU - String Bass  | Narrator continues.<br>A low pitch tone....such as one produced by a string bass (FX sound).....is of a low frequency and.... |
| 14. CU - Oscilloscope  | has a long wave length....  |
| 15. MCU - Flute  | whereas a note of the flute is a high frequency tone (FX sound)....with   |
| CU - Oscilloscope  | a short wave length.  |
| 16. CU - Tuning fork   | A few sounds, such as a note from a tuning fork (FX sound) contain only one frequency and are called pure tones.              |

Visual

17. Stock - Dance band or girl  
with radio.
18. Jet airliner starts to taxi  
turning into  
  
Full screen - Continue turn  
to runway and after-burner blast.
19. Stock - CU of rocket engine.  
Possibly cut in some diagramic art.  
  
Re-establish engine.
20. Stock - CU of a larger engine -  
ignition.
21. Launch
22. Lift Off  
Track

Audio

Most musical sounds contain several pure tones....mixed to produce a desired sound.

Jet engines (FX sound) contain all frequencies within a certain range with some frequencies louder than others. This type of sound is called....

random noise.

(FX sound as required.)

Rocket engine noise is produced by high velocity jet exhaust gases....The shear layer formed by the jet, and the surrounding atmosphere produces turbulent fluctuations which in turn produce random noise.

(FX sound) As rocket engines get larger... the noise gets

(Build on FX)

louder and more low frequency noise is produced.

(Continue to build on FX)

This noise is highly directive....and as a result, a person standing some distance from a launch will hear the loudest noise when the booster is in the air.

II. PLANNING FOR NOISE

23. Street Scenes - Florida

This brings the problem closer to home... to you.....



VISUAL

24. NASA Stock.  
General Aerials Cape

NASA Stock.  
Long shot of Saturn on pad.

25. NASA Stock. Saturn Prep for static firing full screen of pre-fire activity in engine compartment.

Ignition and run of above -  
good engineering footage.

Dissolve

26. Conference Scenes.  
Photoplay - several NASA people talking over map of the general area. Good ident of at least one area showing relationship to the Cape. -  
Cut to some street scenes or recreation areas of the same point.

27. Cutaway - Artist's concept of Saturn V

Cut to

28. Artist's concept of Saturn V launch.

AUDIO

Launch sites have been carefully laid out at the Cape Kennedy Facility to best utilize the available land and with the best interest of the community in mind....

However the use of larger rockets have created sufficiently high noise levels to offset further spacing of the launch areas. And....

As a result....some of the larger thrust booster launch sites have moved nearer to community areas.....

(FX sound on cue)

Unfortunately....despite all efforts to avoid it....the new larger rockets will create higher noise levels than at present.

As part of the planning for these launch sites....the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has taken every precaution to assure as little interruption of community life as possible. But....

minor irritations such as an occasional broken window....and annoying noise are to be expected.

Rocket engine noise has caused minor problems for missile and space designers in the past.

One such problem involved the noise produced by the engines during the first part of the flight.

VISUAL

29. Pan up - Art work in Sc. 28.

Extreme close-up of vibration test. (Show break if possible) or possibly use camera effects on art of previous scenes.

30. Stock - Open scene with ring camera shot of engine and then to a montage of launches on cue.

31. Normal family scene in Florida. Possibly backyard barbecue.

32. Stock - Possibly show a launch from air or one of the other pads. Anything to show distance.

33. Continue track of Sc. 32.

34. Area map (in relief is possible)

35. MS - Engineer listening to some date tapes.

AUDIO

These problems have been associated with acoustically induced vibration of the vehicle skin which is transmitted to system components. And.... without proper protection the vibrations could cause some parts to malfunction.

(FX sound as required)  
Although this same noise could be heard in surrounding communities during the launch of such boosters as Jupiter.... Minuteman....Titan....and Saturn I.... little

attention was paid to it because noise levels were very low.

(Down on FX sound).

The obvious reason was because of the lower engine thrust....

But, as the boosters become larger, and....  
(Cue FX sound)

the noise will become louder.....  
therein lies the problem.....However,  
based on present technology these noises will not be sufficiently loud or....  
their time duration sufficiently long....  
to cause any more harm than....

VISUALAUDIO

36. Art work - "Please Stand By" or actual TV interference cut to backyard conversation.
37. NASA Ident.  
Front of building, etc.
- 38.
- 39.
40. Diagramic art
41. Damage - broken windows, cracked plaster, etc.
42. MS of test setup  
(NASA emblem in evidence)  
Cut to close-up
43. of siren.
- Re-establish test setup and homes.

momentary interruption of daily lives and some minor damage

But, to be positive, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration initiated a study program to prove this conclusion beyond any doubt.

Its true.....rocket engine noise has been known to cause walls and windows to vibrate. (Much as a heavy truck will do).

Walls and windows vibrate at many frequencies. However, the highest vibration occurs at the lowest frequency of vibration....termed the fundamental frequency.

Thus.....the high amplitude....low frequency sound.....easily vibrates a house structure. And.....

if the noise levels become sufficiently loud the vibration levels become too severe and some damage could result.

The NASA study program was conducted in two phases....During the first phase a siren capable of producing....

(FX sound)

high pure-tone sound pressure levels at low frequencies was used to conduct tests on.....

abandoned homes in the Merritt Island launch area.

VISUAL

44. Continue stock footage.
45. Engineers studying data.  
Cut to no evidence of damage.
46. Stock - Lab setup
47. NASA Stock  
Several of these.  
Set-ups.
48. Stock footage.
49. Martin Stock.  
Test set-up to destruction -  
Cut to engineer on read out.
49. Storm clouds, etc.
50. Diagramic art.

AUDIO

During these tests the sound used was over twenty times as high as any sound that would be produced in community areas by any rocket engine being planned.

High amplitude vibrations were discovered in both windows and walls. But.....

there was no damage on any structures.

Additional tests were conducted in a laboratory using random noise. And again....no damage resulted.

Test Structures, using standard windows and frames similar to those present in community areas, were placed and instrumented by the NASA Safety Office, 1200 ft. from the launch stand during consecutive Saturn I launches.

Again.....no damage resulted.

Finally....a test structure was intentionally tested to destruction....data proved damage occurred at much higher sound producing levels than would occur under any launch condition.

Weather has a pronounced effect on the propagation of rocket engine noise.

The most noticeable effect results from changes in the temperature gradient of the atmosphere which can trap and re-direct the sound back to earth.

VISUALAUDIO

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| 51. |   | To study this problem.....tabulated weather data for several years was obtained from the Air Weather Service.  |
| 52. | General scenes - Computers                                      | This data was then placed on digital computer punch cards and programmed into a ray tracing equation to predict sound impingement points.  |
| 53. | Possibly a good medium shot of engineer working on the formula. | Next....focusing amplification factors developed by Perkins of the Aberdeen Proving Ground were used to predict amplitudes.  |
| 54. | Instrumentation   | Knowing the acoustic power of the engines.... it was possible to predict the noise levels of a 30 million pound thrust booster from the Merritt Island Launch Area to be on the order of 120 decibels.....these predicted noise levels will occur in nearby community areas.....this |
|     | Cut to<br>Area Map  |  |
| 55. | Window  | would produce a similar effect on a window of a wind gust of.....  |
|     | Instrument  | 14 miles per hour  |
| 56. | Reprise - Weather   | However.....under adverse weather.....this same noise would produce a vibration similar to.....  |
| 57. | Reprise - Instrument  | a 40 mile per hour wind gust.....But   |
| 58. | Instrument - Show time element.                                 | the time of this exposure would be very short.....Something less than 30 seconds.  |

### III. HUMAN REACTION TO NOISE

59. Bring narrator back on camera.  
Simple black limbo set.

A popular notion among fiction writers is some terrible weapon of the future which causes sound to kill or maim its victim.

60. On camera.

Actually.....sound could cause physical damage.....or even death.....but the intensity of such sound is.....

many orders of magnitude higher than any human being in community areas would be exposed to during a launch.

61. On camera.

The human body is much better constructed against such forms of excitation than the houses in which we live.

62. On camera.

The low frequency noise produced by rocket engines will not affect the hearing since the ear is sensitive to high frequency noise and is.....

On camera.

much less sensitive to low frequency noise.

63. General scenes.  
Launch crew.

Launch crew personnel are exposed to noise levels over 10 times those ever experienced in a community, and.....

these people are still perfectly safe.

### IV. CONCLUSION

64. Good medium shot of engine static test.

Noise is defined as unwanted sound. And we would be the first to admit that rocket engines produce a distinctive noise.

VISUAL

65. NASA launch crews.

66. NASA launch crews.

67.

68.

69. Astronaut in capsule.

continue

Launch of same.

71. NASA Stock.  
Activity at Cape  
Possibly on Gemini Pad

72. NASA Stock.  
Gemini launch

AUDIO

But those of us who have been privileged  
to watch the flight of a large booster and....

who have heard....and felt....this low  
pitched noise....realize that this is a  
phenomenon with which we must live....and  
there are no known methods of reducing this  
noise.

We do know....that this noise will cause  
little damage....except possibly to  
improperly installed windows....and damage  
to these will be rare....

this noise will undoubtedly vibrate walls  
and rattle some windows and dishes....but  
the time exposure will be short....and the  
inconvenience small.

We can visualize only tentatively and  
vaguely what man in space can do....but  
this we know....

a space capsule has to be....

rocket boosted into its environment!

At the present time five major space  
programs are underway or are being planned.

Gemini.....a two manned orbital mission for  
space exploration....boosted by a 300,000  
pound thrust Titan II.

VISUALAUDIO

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| <p>73. NASA Stock.<br/>Saturn launch</p> <p>74. Conceptual art<br/>or<br/>Stock footage of III A</p> <p>75. Conceptual art</p> <p>76. Conceptual art</p> <p>77. Conceptual art</p> <p>78. NASA Stock.<br/>Reprise of previous Saturn launch.</p> <p>79. Continue Sc. 78.</p> <p>80. NASA Stock.<br/>Reprise street scenes.<br/>General Cape scenes<br/>Saturn launch</p> <p>81. NASA Stock.<br/>Reprise of same street<br/>scenes as Scene 26.</p> | <p>Saturn I-B....thrust....1,500,000 pounds....<br/>an earth-orbit launch vehicle for Apollo<br/>space craft.</p> <p>Titan III.....to orbit an experimental<br/>laboratory....thrust <math>2\frac{1}{2}</math> million pounds.</p> <p>Saturn V.....for manned lunar exploration....<br/>thrust 7,500,000 pounds. And.....</p> <p>Post Saturn.....with 35,000,000 pounds of<br/>thrust will be used for manned Mars<br/>exploration.....logistic support of Moon<br/>bases.....and</p> <p>Deep space interplanetary probes.<br/>(FX sound)</p> <p>Noise will be an unwanted, but necessary<br/>by-product of these boosters.</p> <p>We wish the noise could be controlled.....<br/>but it will not!</p> <p>We wish that those hearing this noise will<br/>feel privileged to live in such an age....<br/>privileged to live in such an area....<br/><br/>and to be a part of this fantasy to fact<br/>which will take place before the end of this<br/>decade.</p> <p>We can reassure you that the National Aero-<br/>nautics and Space Administration will take<br/>every precaution to assure you of as little<br/>interruption to your community life as<br/>possible.</p> |
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VISUAL

AUDIO

82. NASA stock.  
Community scenes.

It is hoped that you will accept the occasional expected noise levels and accompanying inconvenience.

(Theme music under Narrator)

83. Conceptual art. General  
space concept.

Space travel has long been an imaginative dream of mankind. Now, for the first time, our science, our technology, and our economy can support the imagination of the past. Because.....

Dissolve to  
Astronaut.

we can explore space.....

Launch space craft.

we must.....

84. Conceptual art. Space theme.

Today's predictions will become tomorrow's accomplishments.

85. Conceptual art of  
Moon landing

As Jules Verne, who wrote a fictional story of a trip to the Moon a century ago, said....

86. NASA Stock.  
Saturn on Pad

"Anything One Man Can Imagine, Other Men Can Make Real."

(FX sound)

87. NASA stock.  
Saturn ignition

It's foolish to say....it can't be done.... for around the next corner is an open road... the future.....and.....

(Continue FX sound)

88. Launch.

The sound of the future.

89. End Credits

APPENDIX E  
ACOUSTIC TEST LABORATORY

The Martin-Denver Acoustic Test Laboratory was developed and built in 1960 as part of the Titan silo launch program and has been in constant use ever since. The facility has been used for acoustic testing of ground and airborne components, sonic fatigue and vibration of structures, development of materials, and basic research. A shock tube is also available for ignition pulse testing. The Acoustic Test Laboratory is a completely self-contained facility with power, data acquisition, and data playback, etc. The facility is also very versatile, containing sufficient area and equipment for a variety of tests. The source power level of 180 decibels\* will allow for full-scale testing of existing missile and/or space booster components and structure. Both sinusoidal and random testing are available.

Operation over this period of time has allowed facility modifications to provide for troublefree, efficient operation.

## 1. ACOUSTIC SOURCE

Random acoustic energy is produced by modulating the airflow through four counter-rotating rotors with randomly located ports. The rotors are driven by variable-speed dc motors. Mass flows of air as high as 20 lb/sec, 65 psig, are supplied during high-level tests. Sinusoidal acoustic energy is produced by a high-pressure (65 psig) siren. Both the random and sinusoidal sirens are connected to exponential horns.

Compressed air for the sirens is produced by an Allison TE-1 compressor unit driven by two modified Allison T-56 turboprop engines. This unit will provide up to 24 lb/sec of air at 65 psig. The air supply is automatically regulated. The compressed airstream is cooled to approximately 80°F by an aftercooling unit.

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\* Power-level reference,  $10^{-3}$  watts.

## 2. CAPABILITIES

Random Noise - The reverberation chamber consists of an irregularly shaped 74-cubic-foot chamber coupled to the random noise source by an exponential horn with a cutoff frequency of 22 cps. Sound-pressure levels from 130 to 168 decibels\* can be obtained in the chamber with a test specimen installed. Variations in overall sound-pressure levels throughout the chamber are less than 6 decibels. The ratio of peak-to-rms level throughout the chamber is 7 to 10 decibels.

Random plane-wave testing can be conducted on packages up to 2 cubic feet in size. This is accomplished by locating the specimen in the exponential horn that connects the random noise source with the reverberation chamber. For these tests, the reverberation chamber is converted into an absorptive termination for the exponential horn. Sound-pressure levels up to 172 decibels over a 1.5-square-foot test area can be obtained.

Random plane-wave testing can also be performed in the 55-square-foot test duct. Sound-pressure levels up to 150 decibels can be obtained. A 30-foot termination section, which is effective down to 30 cycles, prevents the generation of standing waves.

Complete missile or aircraft structural assemblies can also be acoustically tested in the system test area. Random noise levels up to 165 decibels can be achieved over a 9-square-foot section of the test specimen.

The test area provides the capability of testing missile or aircraft structures under normal or grazing incidences.

Static loads are simulated by hydraulically controlled loading heads.

Sinusoidal Testing - The plane-wave sinusoidal facility consists of an exponential horn, test duct, and termination section. The exponential horn provides for very high-intensity sinusoidal testing of specimens smaller than 2 cubic feet. Levels up to 175 decibels can be obtained in the test section of the horn. The frequency range of the sinusoidal source is from 20 to 2000 cps.

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\*Sound-pressure level reference,  $0.0002 \text{ dynes/cm}^2$ .

Complete or partial missile and aircraft structures can be tested under sinusoidal excitation up to sound-pressure levels of 172 decibels over a 9-square-foot area and under either normal or grazing incidence. Higher sound-pressure levels (175 to 180 db) can be obtained over smaller surfaces.

### 3. DATA ACQUISITION

The Acoustic Test Laboratory has a completely self-contained data acquisition and playback system. This system is set up to afford maximum flexibility in measuring acoustic strain, vibration, and temperature data. The system is integrated to provide rapid tie-in to the various test areas and the assurance of accurate, calibrated data.

System capabilities are as follows:

- 1) Acoustics - One-third-octave spectral acoustic data can be analyzed during tests and recorded. Through appropriate switching circuits, the system can simultaneously analyze spectral data on two channels. In addition, acoustic data can be recorded on 36 wide-band (0-10 kc) FM tape channels for detailed analysis after tests. Typical analyses that can be conducted are octave, one-third octave, fixed bandwidth, and constant percentage bandwidth. Complete system calibration, transducer-to-tape, can be performed on all acoustic data channels;
- 2) Vibration measurements - The system is capable of recording on wideband (0-10 kc) FM. The capability of post-test analysis of recorded accelerometer data is the same as the acoustic measurements with the addition of power spectral density analysis;
- 3) Strain - The system is capable of recording on wide-band (0-10 kc) FM. Landline data flow channels are also provided to remotely monitor component input or output functions in the blockhouse. Sufficient space, electrical power, etc, are provided for instrumentation to monitor components.

### 4. CALIBRATION

A facility is provided at the Primary Standards Laboratory for the reciprocity calibration of primary microphones and the secondary freefield calibration of microphones. Freefield calibration can be conducted from 200 to 10,000 cps. Pressure calibration is performed from 20 to 200 cps. Calibration of accelerometers up to 10,000 cps is also available. All instrumentation is calibrated at regular intervals.

APPENDIX F  
NEWS COVERAGE OF FLORIDA TESTS



**HUGE SINUSOIDAL SIREN**  
... Can generate wall-shaking sounds

## Sound Damages To Be Studied

CAPE KENNEDY — If you hear some unearthly roar the next time you are near the Cape's north gate, rest easy, a giant rocket is not about to go overhead.

It will be, rather, the low frequency rumble of a large sinusoidal siren, capable of producing sound that can rattle glass and shake structures.

The giant siren is being used in the area north of the Cape, and will eventually be used on Merritt Island, as part of an acoustical damage threshold study.

The study is being made by the Martin-Denver Company for the John F. Kennedy Space Center, NASA, to determine at what sound levels damage is done to ordinary buildings.

UNLIKE A previous series of tests where simulated structures test the sound blasts from actual Saturn I rockets, these experiments will use simulated rocket sound on actual houses.

The buildings being used

are abandoned houses on NASA property. During the tests the siren is cranked up to a point where actual damage could be made to the buildings. Scientists want to find out precisely what this point is on typical local construction.

The siren is capable of emitting ear-splitting wails up to about 155 decibels. The generally-accepted safety level for humans to rocket noise is about 125 decibels.

So far there has been no

damage to windows or structures, although sound levels, in a wide range of frequencies, has hit 145 decibels.

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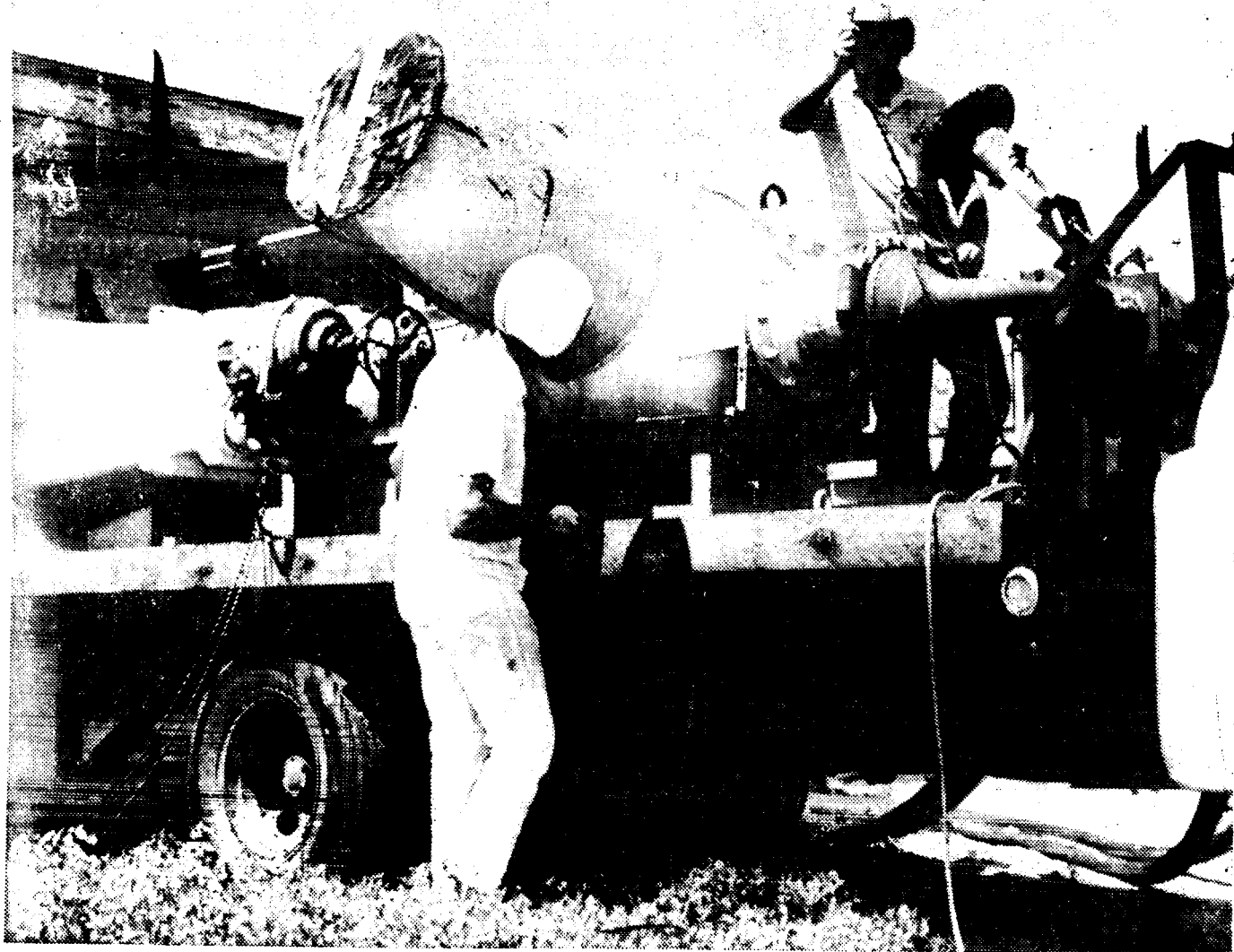
The test series is divided into four basic phases. Phase No. 1 was a local community survey, which, rather

than being a head count, was more of a study of buildings that could possibly be effected by rocket sounds. Building codes were studied and actual inspections of the structures were made.

Martin is now in the second phase of the study—the siren tests. These will continue most of the summer.

Then will come laboratory studies of the information gained, and finally, a detailed report of the findings to NASA.

Results of the tests will help scientists determine and define "buffer zones" to surround the launch areas of tomorrow's generation of giant rockets.



## Immense Siren Checked

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# Siren Tested at Cape Will Wake Up Neighborhood

CAPE KENNEDY — A huge sound waves at close range is part of an accoustical damage emitted from the device. The siren that produces ear-splitting being tested by the National threshold study to determine at generally accepted safety level for humans is 125 decibels. Aeronautics and Space Administration, what sound levels damage is done to ordinary buildings.

It's called a sinusoidal siren and it is capable of rattling glass and shaking structures at some distance.

Rocket-like sounds burst in a deafening roar from the siren and are aimed at actual houses during tests.

The siren is being used as

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Siren testing will continue throughout the summer. Results of the experiments will help scientists determine buffer zones required to protect buildings close to launch pads.



# SUPER SINUSOIDAL SIREN SIMULATES SATURN SOUND

If you hear an unearthly roar the next time you drive out the Cape's north gate, rest easy, a giant rocket is not about to swoosh overhead.

It will be, rather, the low frequency rumble of a large sinusoidal siren, capable of producing sound that can rattle glass and shake structures.

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The study is being made by the Martin-Denver Company for KSC to determine at what levels damage is done to ordinary buildings.

The buildings being used are abandoned houses on NASA property. During the tests the siren is cranked up to a point where actual damage may be inflicted on the buildings. Scientists want to find out precisely where this damage is and how it will affect typical local construction.

The siren is capable of emitting an ear-splitting growl of up to 155 decibels. The generally-accepted safety level at

which humans can tolerate rocket noise is about 125 db.

So far there has been no damage to windows or structures, although sound levels, in a wide range of frequencies, have reached 145 db.

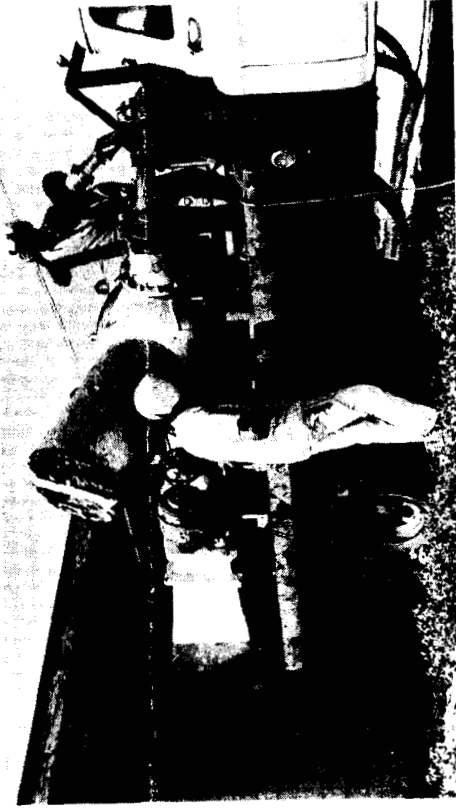
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WITH SOUND-MUFFLING helmets on, acoustical scientists Ray Pit-sker, and John Baratono of the Martin Company, Denver, set up their sinusoidal siren for a test run against the windows of an abandoned building north of the Cape.

## Giant 'Baritone' Horn's Blasting Away at Cape

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. — A giant "baritone horn," played by a team of Martin Company space scientists and engineers, has been put to work by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to determine what problems—if any—will be created by engine noise from giant space boosters of the future.

The horn is a special kind of siren, which plays selected tones so loudly that the effects duplicate the acoustic pressures generated by giant rocket engines.

The siren, built by Martin Company's Denver Division, is mounted on a flat-bed trailer. It's powered by four huge air compressors.

The noise level is about 145 decibels—extremely intense in the immediate vicinity of the siren. It can project acoustic pressure to an object a few feet away to simulate the sound effects that will occur several miles away from post-Saturn-era rocket engines.

The siren can break windows at close range. But it probably never will be heard—much less felt—in inhabited areas. The intense acoustic pressure diminish-

es rapidly with distance. Several hundred feet away it would sound much like a baritone horn in an orchestra.

The siren tests are being conducted on abandoned houses at the Merritt Island Launch Area (MILA) of the John F. Kennedy Space Center, NASA.

The houses will be subjected to sound pressure levels many times higher than inhabited areas will experience in space launchings now programmed. Damage will be caused deliberately, so that accurate data can be amassed. Relatively little detailed information on the effects of acoustic pressure on dwellings now exists.

The siren is of the sinusoidal type. This means that it produces sound at fixed levels, rather than undulating like fire engine siren or producing a roar containing many tones simultaneously, as do random sirens used in Martin-Denver's Acoustic Test Laboratory.

The program is scheduled to be completed by fall.

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